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REDS APPOINT PEACE DELEGATION Lull On All Fronts As Reds Reach Yangtse PEACE MEET AT PEIPING?

Nanking, January 24.

The Chinese Communists have appointed a peace delegation to meet the Nationalists, according to a report in Peiping today, obtained by Router by radio-telephone.

The report said that the Communists were ready to begin peace negotiations at Peiping and that a coalition Government would eventually be established there.

President Li Tsung-jen sent two representatives to Peiping with letters addressed to several political parties and organisations expressing anxiety for peace.

Communist troops surrounding Peiping were reported today to have withdrawn 10 kilometres from their original positions. Some forces, however, are remaining in the city.

The evacuation of General Fu Tso-yi's Nationalist armies to the South and South West suburbs was expected to be completed today.

Order is being maintained in the city by the police. The final showdown on the Cabinet's peace policy is expected at Wednesday's meeting. Shanghai vied for the political limelight with Peiping and Nanking in storm-strengthened China today, following the arrival of Mr. Shao Li-tze and General Chang Chih-chung, principal members of the Government's five-man peace delegation to contact leaders of liberal political elements in the city, whose activities hitherto have been illegal.

It was learned that the two delegates hope to contact Mr. Lo Lung-chi, Mr. Chang Lan and Mr. Huang Yen-pel, Democratic League leaders, who are believed to have the confidence of the Communist leaders in Yenan, although they have no authority to conclude any definite arrangements in behalf of the Communists.

President Li Tsung-jen, through his personal envoy, Mr. Kuo Chiao-hao, was reported here this morning to have already invited Madame Sun Yat-sen in person to Nanking to advise on peace developments.

Significant

This visit and the activities of the two peace envoys are believed significant, in view of the fact that the shape of the Nationalist peace programme may be first hammered out during the current Shanghai conference. Meanwhile, China's civil war today settled down to a virtual state of armed truce as the Nationalists and Communists prepare to iron out their 21-year-old quarrel at the conference table.

For the first time since the end of the Japanese war no clashes were reported on the widely scattered fronts running Northwards from the Yangtse River. The only military activities are troop movements North of Nanking and along the Grand Canal where the Communists are moving in to fill the vacuum created by the Nationalist retreat.

Government planes were air-dropping thousands of propaganda leaflets on Communist territory today.

With Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek—regarded as the symbol of armed resistance to Communist expansion—stepping down to temporary retirement in his native place, Fenghuang, the destructive fighting appears to have switched to constructive efforts of restoring communications and public order in war-devastated and now Communist-dominated North China.

S. China Action

In Kuomintang-ruled South China war preparations were pushed to the background by busy manoeuvring for peace and for liberalisation of the administration under the new leadership of General Li Tsung-jen, usually regarded as China's most popular elder statesman.

Official circles here from General Li downwards have given indications that they have mentally accepted the position of a defeated party and would accept peace at any price except unconditional surrender.

Their maximum hope is to squeeze an equal partnership out of the victory-flashed Communists in a coalition Government, but if the local case—a free agreement in Peiping should be of any value as a pattern for an overall settlement, it would not be a surprise if the Government peace-makers consent to the position of a minor partner.

This is considered a high possibility—a certainty by some quarters—since it is known that Premier Sun Yat-sen's "honourable peace" has been elaborated in top-level discussions as peace of the Government, taking advantage of the stalemate, caused

KMT Restores Marshal Li

Nanking, January 24.

The Kuomintang Executive Committee today restored Marshal Li Chai-sum's membership in the Kuomintang Party.

Marshal Li was discharged from the party last year as a result of his anti-Government activities in Hong Kong—United Press.

by the delay in Communist designation of the place and time for peace talks, is increasing its efforts at regaining popular support—lost through misrule—by back up its peace appeal to the Communists who, viewing from their radio broadcasts, still appeared to be in a reluctant mood.

In Shanghai

Mr. Shao Li-tze and General Chang Chih-chung, two members of the peace delegation appointed by the Acting President General Li Tsung-jen, to contact the Communists, are now in Shanghai to press personally General Li's appeal for third party co-operation.

The peace manoeuvres echoed widely along the scattered civil war fronts where fighting completely died down today. The Nationalists North of the Yangtse River about Nanking

and Shanghai continue their withdrawal to South of the river without offering resistance to the advancing Communists. Yangchow, Grand Canal town, which was the last major Nationalist base North of the river, was evacuated today after the Communist occupation of Shaoop and Shenninbo, North and North East of Yangchow. Yangchow is 50 miles North-East of Nanking and only five miles from the river bank.

Leave Positions

North of Nanking along the Tientsin-Pukow railway zone, the Nationalists are abandoning their positions, maintaining a defence system only around Pukow to keep the capital out of range of Communist artillery. Pukow is the Southern terminal opposite Nanking.

In North China the Communists and Nationalists are co-operating in restoring communications. Telegraphic communications between Peiping, Tientsin and Nanking have been resumed and rail contact between Peiping, Tientsin and Kalgan is now being repaired. Arrangements also are being made to extend the Communications system.

The China National Aviation Corporation announced their planes will shortly resume flights into Peiping from Shanghai and Nanking.

General Li today halted the Kuomintang's anti-Communist propaganda offensive and implemented a series of drastic political reforms to clear the deck for peace talks with the Communists.—Router and United Press.

T.V. Soong Arrives

Dr. T. V. Soong, who relinquished the governorship of Kwangtung province on Sunday, arrived in Hong Kong by air yesterday. He was accompanied by a personal entourage of six persons.

At Kai Tak airfield, Dr. Soong conferred with police officials, from whom he obtained an assurance that his residence at Repulse Bay will be given police protection.

Dr. Soong, brother-in-law of President Chiang Kai-shek, now in temporary retirement, assumed the governorship of Kwangtung about 18 months ago. Previously, he was President of the Executive Yuan, and Ambassador for China to the United States during the war.

Questioned by Press representatives at the airfield, Dr. Soong said he is definitely not going to the United States. He said he will remain in the Colony until he decides the next step.

Asked to comment on the future of Nationalist China, Dr. Soong said it is "very bright." He did not elaborate.

Dr. Soong arrived by a chartered plane. He was bedecked with military ribbons.

Police Assurance

After a brief conference with police officers during which Dr. Soong asked for and received police assurances of protection

for his villa at Repulse Bay, he and his party boarded a police launch which took them across the harbour.

Earlier in the morning at Canton, Dr. Soong presided for the last time at a meeting of the Kwangtung provincial government.

Arrivals here yesterday from Canton, the Associated Press reported, said that certain Chinese leaders at Canton had suggested that Dr. Soong should make a large contribution to the military defence of Kwangtung. Dr. Soong promised consideration of the matter, they said.

The United Press correspondent said that Dr. Soong appeared in good spirits, and referred questions to his "newspaper" reporter.

Police posted on Sunday night, in which he announced his retirement, from public service and recounted the highlights of his 15-month administration as Governor of Kwangtung.

Governors Meet Ends

Singapore, January 24. Sir Henry Gurney, High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, and the Governors of Singapore, Hong Kong, Sarawak and North Borneo today discussed the defence of their territories at a meeting of the Defence Co-ordinating Committee.

This ended the present series of talks, an official communiqué said. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General in South East Asia, conferred from Friday to Sunday with the High Commissioners and the four Governors on questions of common concern to the various territories, with special reference to ways and means for closer co-operation between them wherever this is practicable.

Sir Alexander Grantham represented Hong Kong.—Router.

Tugmen's Strike May Affect Thames Traffic

London, January 24.

A strike of 300 Thames tugmen today may seriously affect shipping in the river. If it continues, as big vessels cannot dock in Thames ports without the help of tugs.

The tugmen staged a one-day unofficial strike yesterday after a dispute with the owners about hours of work. When they went back today they were told they could begin work only if they accepted the conditions of employment in force before they walked out.

The men want a minimum work week of 48 hours and a maximum of 72 hours, including overtime.

Thirty-five tugs are idle. A meeting of tugmen is to be held at Gravesend, a port on the South bank, tonight. Several large vessels were waiting to come up the river today.

Outward bound ships from Tilbury and London docks were also affected.—Router.

Five Arrested After Attempt To Kill Man

Five men, three of whom were armed, were arrested by the New Territories police six hours after they had fired six shots at Yau Choi at Pak Kung Au.

According to Yau's report, he was at Pak Kung Au about 5.30 a.m. yesterday, when five men fired six shots at him. One of the bullets struck him in the leg. While he was on the ground, one of the men rolled him down the hillside.

After his assailants had left him, apparently under the impression that he was dead, Yau crawled back to Shantaukok where he made a report to the police.

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Two important links in the chain of weather forecasting exchange greetings at a point 600 miles out in the Atlantic from Greenock, Scotland. Hiding the heavy Atlantic seas is a former Navy corvette, now the meteorological ship "Weather Observer." Above her are seen the aircrews of Demand-Sugar, a Royal Air Force Halifax employed on the same task—weather observation. Each day at noon, ship and aircraft meet to exchange information by radio.—AP Photo.

Australian Businessman To Study Market Conditions In Colony

In the Colony today is Mr. W. Hope Gibson, prominent Australian business magnate who is touring the world to explore trade possibilities. Mr. Gibson, the director of several firms, is studying local market conditions with a view to introducing a number of high-class Australian products "which are cheaper than, and of the same quality as their American counterparts, flooding Hong Kong market today."

Hong Kong has a good market for Australian goods, but Australian businessmen here "seem rather asleep in exploring the possibilities," he declared yesterday at an informal press conference.

The availability of shipping space is steadily increasing at Australian ports, and Mr. Gibson said that when he was at Sydney he heard of plans being drawn up by some Chinese firms to buy several ships for the Australia-China run.

Since the end of the war, Australia has been concentrating on intensive expansion of its internal economy and neglected the outside world. The hungry home markets consumed practically all the supply.

It was only a year ago that Australian businessmen began to realise the foreign demand. The labour situation has improved considerably, he said. Although the war, workmen were recruited in substantial numbers and did not pay excessive wages and did not pay excessive attention to politics. Consequently, the Communists took advantage and began to control the major part of the country's labour.

Strikes occurred without the strikers knowing fully why they were being called out. Since 1948, the unions have been gradually eliminating the Communists in influential positions.

Fertile Pearl Beds The pearl-shell industry at Broome is recovering, although it is now supplying only five per cent of its pre-war production. Formerly, Japanese divers, virtually monopolised the industry, but for the past eight years the shell beds have been untouched, making them very fertile at present.

Malays from the Straits and "kopangas" are today engaged in this trade and they are being trained by experienced "kopangas" who were assisting the Japanese before the war.

Hong Kong businessmen are beginning to become more interested in the Broome pearl-shell industry, which provides pure white mother pearl imported here on a considerable scale, before the war.

More divers and higgers are being procured to revive this industry. Although attempts have been made to recall Japanese divers, "it is very unlikely that Australia would accept them."

Singapore More Action Mr. Gibson is visiting Canton shortly. He arrived here recently from Singapore, where he said he found the Australians more active in exploring the local conditions and expanding trade with Australia.

Atlantic Weather-Eye



Reds Strong In Jap Elections, Running Third

Tokyo, January 24.

The Communists displayed unexpected strength in the Japanese elections today, winning 21 seats. They are now running third in Party strength on the basis of incomplete returns.

Japan split into extreme right and left camps as late returns appeared to give Premier Shigeru Yoshida's ultra-conservative Liberals their first post-war majority in the House of Representatives.

The middle of the road parties were virtually wiped out in the largest electoral turn-out in Japanese history, which confounded experts who had predicted a tight vote.

Among those elected was the first Communist woman delegate in Japan's history—Hide Tajima from Aichi Prefecture.

Defeated for re-election was Haruo Yamashita, Democrat woman candidate from Fukushima, who caused the Diet's choice of the former Finance Minister of making improper advances.

approaching the 233 needed for an absolute majority in the 460-member Diet which would give him the first clear one-party control since the surrender.

Echo From China

The Communist victory in China was thought to have contributed to the Communist strength, attracting a large number of labour voters anxious to jump on the Red bandwagon in Asia.

Some observers also thought General MacArthur's defeat against the Communists, which was about one-third of Japan's organized labour—might have thrown the vote to the Reds.

Communist Party Headquarters declined to comment on the election showing, but said they had more strength in the last Diet (when they held four seats), but said they would hold a press conference at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.—United Press.

Revolt In N. Korea Spreading

Tokyo, January 24.

Anti-Communist rebels have seized and occupied the headquarters of the North Korean People's Army at Haeju, close to the 38th Parallel in North Korea.

The South Korean Prime Minister and Defence Minister, Mr. Lee Bum Suk, told Reuters that fighting is spreading. About 5,000 men are involved on both sides. Communist sources say that 30 per cent are North Korean Army rebels and therefore supporters of the South Korean Government, headed by President Syngman Rhee.

Eighteen armaments have been destroyed. Buildings are being burned, and it is reported that shooting can be heard on the South Korean side of the 38th Parallel.

The Prime Minister said that no official communications had been established with the anti-Communist rebels, but added: "I have my own source of information." He continued: "I have been expecting this. This revolt, in the elimination of backward tactics of the puppet regime in the North, it will be followed by other revolts."

Observers said the expected arrival of the United Nations Commission in South Korea this week-end is significant.

The Commission's main objective is to help to unite Korea under President Rhee's South Korean Government, recently recognised by the United Nations as the only legal Government in Korea.—Reuters.

FRENCH GRANT RECOGNITION

Paris, January 24.

The French government today decided to grant de facto recognition to the Government of Israel.

United Press.

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CATCHY BUSINESS, THIS INFLUENZA

Gstaad, Switzerland, January 24.

Prince Aly Khan advised the management of the Palace Hotel here today that both he and Miss Hilda Hayworth are suffering from influenza and are compelled to delay their return to Gstaad from Cannes for a few days.

They were to join Miss Hayworth's daughter here today.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 6.00 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the weak anti-cyclonic pressure over China and Japan. A small depression appears to be developing E of Formosa.

Today's Forecast: Light E winds. Fine and hazy.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 74.5 deg. F. Minimum: 61.4 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.5 hours.

Rainfall: NIL. Total since Jan. 1: 2.0 mm. (0.08 in.). Average of 24.6 mm. (0.96 in.).

Readings at: 10 a.m. 10.15 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 4.15 p.m. 7.15 p.m. 10.15 p.m. 11.15 p.m.

Wind: Direction: 110-120. Force: 1-2. Gusts: 11-12. Rain: 0.0. Clouds: 10-20. Visibility: 10.0. Barometer: 1015.0.

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PWD Larceny Trial
Hearing Resumes

As a consequence of larceny proceedings, a check was made of the Hung Hom stores at the request of the Director of Public Works, but apart from one or two surplus material items being missing, the result was not quite what was expected.

This was disclosed by Mr. J. C. Brown, chief electrical and mechanical engineer of the electrical department of the PWD, during cross-examination at the PWD larceny trial yesterday.

Witness was giving evidence in the trial of Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, Grade 1 electrical inspector, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged on 11 counts, comprising nine of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government.

There were originally 12 counts, but at a previous hearing, one count, the theft of a ceiling fan, was dropped by the Prosecution in order to save time.

Beginning his cross-examination, Mr. J. C. Brown, counsel for Spary, asked witness if he agreed that since re-occupation there had been a heavy increase of work in the PWD, to which Brown replied in the affirmative.

He said that the work was generally about four or five times more than before the war. He further agreed that in these circumstances the electrical inspector would have more to do in designing and such work in supervising workmen.

Brown, in reply to a question, told the court that in the absence of an electrical inspector, the Class 2 electrical inspector would eventually take the place of the O.I.C., and in this case, Spary. The function of a Class 2 electrical inspector, however, was that of general assistant. The present one at Wanchai was Mr. Marvin, he disclosed.

Witness, while agreeing with counsel that in his evidence-in-chief he had stated that the Colony was divided into two parts as regards Government electrical work, said that he would not say that this division itself was very absolute.

Counsel then asked witness if he agreed that such jobs, such as hoisting the lighthouse signals and mast on the Kowloon side, was the work of Spary, Brown replied that Spary generally did that kind of work, both on the island and the mainland.

Several Jobs Mentioned

Counsel then mentioned several Government electrical jobs done by Spary, which included the hoisting of the KCR terminus, the Arlington Hotel lift rehabilitation work, the electrically operated ferry ramps at Yau Ma Tei, and the Kai Tak Airfield Traffic lights, the last named designed by Spary. Witness agreed that all these jobs were actually done with Wanchai workshop materials with the exception of the one at Kai Tak, part of which had been done by Hung Hom.

Counsel asked witness whether it would surprise him if he had heard on any occasion that Spary had been seen at the bar of the RBGC having a drink, to which Brown replied that it would not. He added that Spary had in fact come over from Wanchai at times to see the various works on the Kowloon side.

Mr. Dalton then turned to the question of stores on the Hong Kong side, and asked if, before the beginning of the case, it would be correct to say there was only one Government store, and that at North Point. Witness agreed that was the only store that could be called the Government Store.

Brown further agreed that the store at Wanchai was a transit store. Counsel, referring to the question of Spary's quarters at Hung Hom, asked witness whether it was true to say that Spary occupied these quarters in accordance with instructions of the PWD. Witness replied that he had been directed to go there.

Mr. Dalton questioned witness on the relationship between Spary and May. Witness revealed that Spary had been in the PWD for more than 20 years, and that during the war he was a prisoner of war. On his release, witness said, he went to Australia.

Asked by counsel if, on his return, he found that he had been superseded by May, witness said that was not so, for they were of the same rank, being Grade 1 electrical inspectors.

Continuing, Brown stated that May at that time had been drawing pay as Chief Electrical Engineer.

On March 1947, witness disclosed, May went to hospital. On leaving it May went over to Hung Hom, while Spary was moved to Wanchai and after that they became of equal rank.

Witness agreed that the daily labour distribution form was designed by May after the war. Mr. Dalton: Is it true that Spary had on various occasions expressed to you uneasiness and dissatisfaction over the shortage of supervising staff?

Witness: Yes, he did mention that.

Did you take any notice about it?—Yes, I wrote to the Director of Public Works.

Refers To Evidence

Counsel then referred to the evidence given by Mr. Dalton.

and questioned him, to which witness agreed that in the circumstances Spary was in, he would not have been surprised if he had heard on any occasion that Spary had been seen at the bar of the RBGC having a drink, to which Brown replied that it would not. He added that Spary had in fact come over from Wanchai at times to see the various works on the Kowloon side.

Turning to the question of financial allotment, counsel asked witness about overtime work whether it was correct to say that in certain instances it was necessary to purchase stores locally without any financial allotment. Witness replied in the affirmative, but added that only in urgent cases would that be done.

After further cross-examination on that matter, Mr. Dalton asked witness about the glow lights on the Tramways Islands. Witness stated that they were also known as "Spary's Light," the reason being that Spary had designed them.

Brown, agreeing with counsel that Spary worked very long in the evening and often stayed after five o'clock said he could not recall any instance in which Spary drew overtime pay. In his opinion, witness said, he would describe Spary as a conscientious and hard-working man. To the best of his knowledge, that was the general opinion in the Department.

Further questioned, witness disclosed that the workmen's pay was calculated by time-keepers. The official responsibility for this work at Wanchai, he said, was one Peter Ng, who had since disappeared. Asked when he disappeared, witness said he could not remember whether it was before or after the trial began. All he could recall was that Ng had disappeared without leave.

Describing the method of paying out salaries, witness stated that when pay is issued a number is called out. The workman produces his brass disc with his number on it and thereupon the payer chops the pay-sheet. The workman himself does not sign the pay sheet. Witness agreed it followed that, in fact, the 240 men at Wanchai, but not the 240 men at the mainland, had their names on the assistant O.I.C.'s duty, however, to check these wage sheets frequently.

Brown admitted that Peter Ng sometimes reported irregularities to his superiors, only when they were found, and that under this system of payment, where by a workman had no record of what he was paid for, it was a very difficult task for him to recall occasions when he had worked on a job or jobs done several months ago.

Mr. Dalton: With regard to the disc system, would you agree that it was possible for one man to substitute for another so long as he had the number?

Witness: Yes, unless he was properly identified. Do you know of any instance where that has been discovered?—No.

Counsel then asked witness whether it was the custom for the pay-sheets to be initialed by the O.I.C., to which Brown replied that that was the normal practice, but he could not swear that it was always the case.

Witness further disclosed that the system in the Hung Hom workshop was almost the same, except that the man from the PWD head office came with the pay clerk to check the list numbers of the workmen.

Cross Examination

Witness further revealed under cross-examination that in 1947, an Audit Board of Survey was held at the workshop and that following this was a yearly affair, he stated.

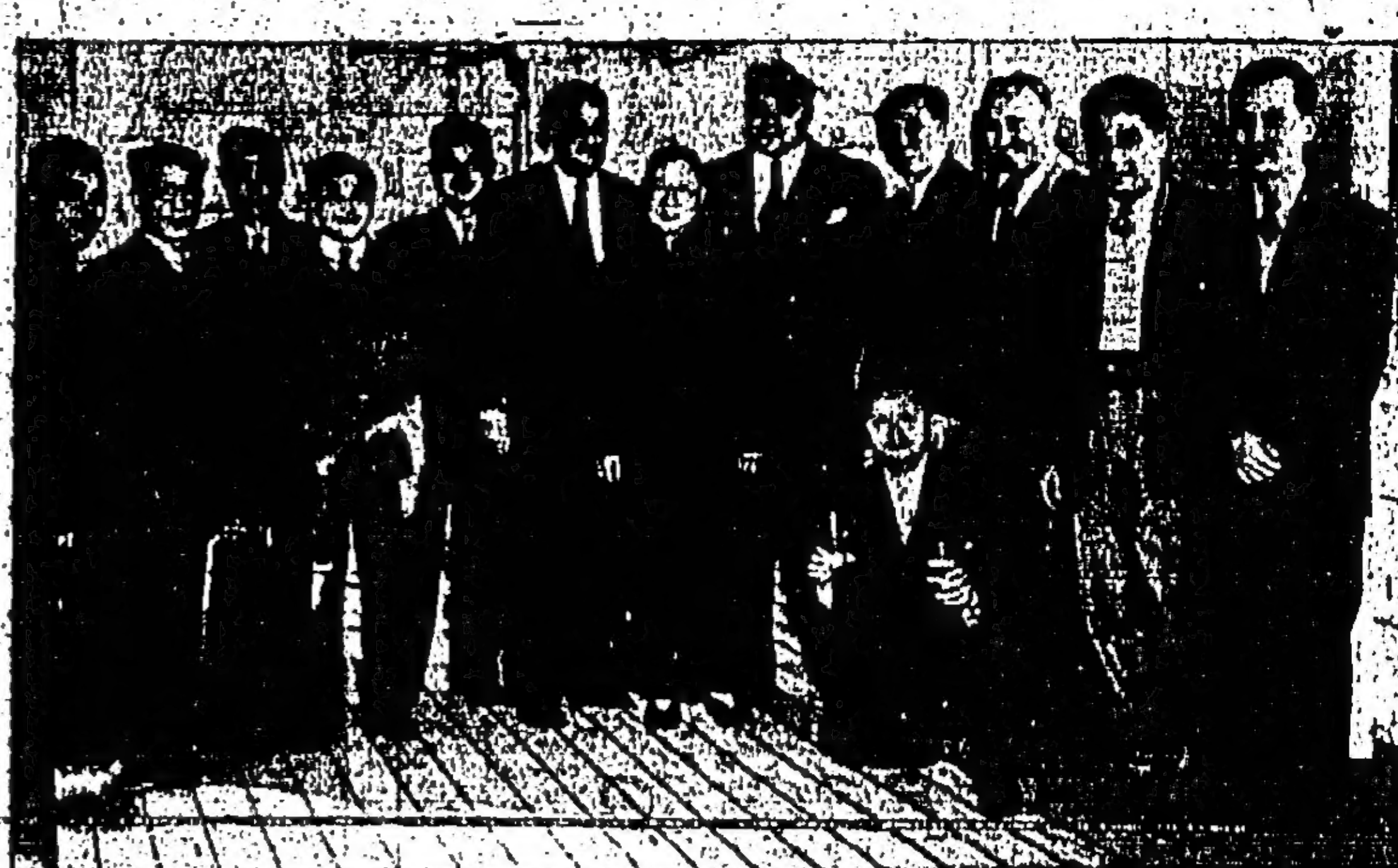
Further questioned, witness said that the auditors checked part of the stores only, while all that main check was confined to the documents. Witness added that no irregularities were reported in these surveys. The work of surveying, witness said, applied to both the Wanchai and Hung Hom workshops. There were no survey reports in 1948.

In conclusion of this case, witness stated, there was a check made on the Hung Hom stores at the request of the Director of Public Works. The result of the check was that there was a shortage of surplus materials were found missing, but the result was not quite as expected, he said.

Asked whether any deficiencies in any type of Government material were reported, witness said there were none.

Mr. Dalton then asked Brown whether he was aware that the PWD had a shortage of supervising staff, and whether he was aware that the PWD had a shortage of supervising staff, and whether he was aware that the PWD had a shortage of supervising staff.

Witness: Yes, I was aware of that.

Shippers
Feted At
Tea Party

The interest of local shippers in the first direct service between Hong Kong and Persian Gulf ports was shown when more than 500 guests attended a tea party aboard the ship, Star Belgeuse, the ship to inaugurate the run beginning February.

Officials of the Colony's shipping organizations and local businessmen of various nationalities were present at the party, which also marked the maiden voyage of the Panamanian motorship to the Far East.

Guests arriving on board the Star Belgeuse, moored mid-stream, signed their names on Chinese paper scrolls, which were later framed and presented by the company to Mr. B. Karl A. Roos of Hjelmsater, master of the vessel, which was a crew of about 200, including British, Danish, Latvian, Estonian, Swedish, and Dutch.

The C-2 type of motorship has luxurious accommodation for 12 passengers and will take aboard passengers at Kobe and en route to the Persian Gulf ports via Hong Kong.

Equipped with the latest navigation aids, including radar, the vessel has modern designed hatches and a cargo-preservation system.

The 9,000-ton motorship has a cruising speed of 17 knots. It is expected that her direct run to the Persian Gulf via Indian ports will cut down considerably the time normally taken for transshipment cargo.

The Star Belgeuse saw action in the Normandy invasion, the Pacific and the Italian campaign during the last war. She survived the war unscathed, and was converted into her peacetime role as a merchant marine craft.

Reminders

Today

Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Capt. L. D. Gammans, Royal Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 2 p.m.
Barn's Supper, Royal Garden, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.
Diocesan Girls School concert, King's Park, 5.45 p.m.
Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8 p.m.
St. John Ambulance Brigade, cocktail party (farewell to Col. Sir James Sleeman), Col. Sir James Sleeman, Headquarters.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Tee H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Boxing Tournament, RAF vs. Police, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Council meeting, CSO, 120 p.m.
KVCYC Mobile Column Reunion Dinner, China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.
French show, "Le Bal des Volontaires" at China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men Club meeting, Royal Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Leave There to meet Kwok Kwong, he said, and found him generally all right.

The next witness, H.L.W. Atkin, foreman of the medical branch of the Hong Kong Naval Dockyard, testified that he recalled the fact that the PWD had a shortage of supervising staff, and whether he was aware that the PWD had a shortage of supervising staff.

Witness: Yes, I was aware of that.

Officials of the Everett Orient Line (Hong Kong) entertained local shipping circles to a tea party yesterday to mark the occasion of the inauguration of the direct service between Hong Kong and Persian Gulf ports, aboard the Panamanian steam Star Belgeuse, which is making her maiden voyage to the Far East. Seen in the picture is Mr. B. Karl A. Roos of Hjelmsater, master of the first ship to begin the new run, who was host to more than 500 guests.—(Meo Cheung Photo).

Godown Manager
Summoned On Fire

That he had obtained permission from Mr. W. M. Smith, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, to deviate from the regulations governing the storage of dangerous goods, was the allegation made by Mr. C. E. Terry, general manager of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, in evidence before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Mr. Terry came before the Court in answer to 32 summonses against the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, for breach of regulations governing storage of dangerous goods and committing a public nuisance after the disastrous fire at the Godown of the company on August 23, which claimed 11 casualties, including two fatalities.

Mr. Charles Mottram, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation (Kowloon), assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope, conducted the prosecution.

Defence was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructor by Deacons and Company.

At the time of the fire, there were stored in the Godown 212 drums of lacquer thinner, 742 drums of caustic soda, 88 drums of phosphorus pentoxide, 15 drums of sodium bisulphate, 2 drums of bleaching powder and 68 cases of nitrate film scrap.

According to the report of the Government chemist, the joint storage of the chemicals together with the film scrap presented very dangerous fire hazards.

Furthermore, the Godown in question was not licensed for storage of these kinds of dangerous goods, said the prosecution.

Defence counsel entered the plea of guilty and called evidence to show mitigation of the offence. The company, stated the defence, is familiar with the storage of dangerous cargo and has a full knowledge of the dangerous goods regulations. It is a well-known and reputable firm and the most fire-conscious Godown company in the Colony, defence said.

In addition to the dissemination of information on dangerous goods to the staff, the company maintains its own fire brigade, which consists of eight Europeans and about 110 Asiatics, defence continued.

The Godown was reconstructed in 1918 specifically for dangerous goods, and had corrugated asbestos roofing and special ventilators. It was divided into two sections by a nine-inch wall, and the fire-resistant door connecting the two sections was open only at the time of daily inspections.

In April 1947, it became obvious to the company that with the heavy arrival of dangerous goods in the Colony, all space would be seriously taxed. The volume of dangerous goods was about five or six times that of pre-war days.

As a result, the company wrote to all freight conferences warning of the space shortage. The attention of the Port Executive Committee, of which Mr. Terry was a member, was drawn to the situation.

More Space Wanted

The Fire Brigade was approached for additional space, and in May Mr. James Moodie, deputy manager of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, had an interview with Mr. Smith, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

On Sunday evening the police received a report that a plot of land with three hairpins worth HK\$300 was lost somewhere between the Star Ferry Wharf and Mody Road.

The precious plot of land was found in the middle of a road reported to be 15 inches in length to dark brown in colour.

Amendments to regulations made under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1924, were made.

Hearing For
Extortion
Case Fixed

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday fixed February 10 for hearing of the case in which PC 1021 Leung Kwok-lai, attached to Mong Kok, is being charged of two counts of extortion and assault.

Leung, it was alleged, demanded \$50 with monies from Sun Yuen at Mong Kok Road on January 13. He was further alleged to have assaulted and unlawfully detained Sun for half an hour at Sai Yee Street and Mong Kok on the same day.

When applying for a date to be fixed for hearing, Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans informed the court that the prosecution, which will be presented by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, will oppose all requests for bail, as accused is a police officer.

SI Evans also drew the attention of the bench to the fact that a married woman had recently been brought before the court in connection with this case on the charge of interfering with a Crown witness the day after the accused was first charged before the court. The case against the woman, Fu Mui, has not yet been heard.

This Is Getting
To Be A Habit

Yip Hak-kim, aged 28, of 118, Prince Edward Road, ground floor, was brought before a magistrate's court for about the 20th time yesterday on the charge of drunkenness.

When Yip was charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans told the court that defendant "had something like 15 or 20 previous convictions, both in Hong Kong and Kowloon."

The bench was further told that defendant's father, who is a well-known resident of Kowloon, would have nothing to do with Yip, and even went to the extent of asking the prosecutor to apply for a sentence that would keep defendant in goal during the Chinese New Year holidays.

Defendant, said SI Evans, was seen by SI Evans on an alternative house bond and causing a public nuisance.

In reply to the bench, SI Evans said that he strongly doubted whether the parents would pay for defendant's fine. Yip was fined a total of \$50, but the two counts, with an alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

Land Sale

Two lots of land, for residential purposes, were sold at a public auction yesterday. A 21,720-square-foot lot on Tai-po Road (New Kowloon Island Lot No. 3543), was obtained by Major S.M. Churn, of the Union Trading Company, for HK\$10,860.

The buyer will have to spend HK\$80,000 in rateable improvements within 18 months. He will also have to make his own arrangements for fresh water supply.

The second lot, a 2,150-square-foot residential lot, was sold for HK\$9,000 to Mr. K.S. Cheung of Now Shing Hong, Limited, 61, Des Voeux Centre. The upset price was HK\$10,500. The buyer will have to spend HK\$50,000 in rateable improvements on the land.

POOR BIDDING
AT LAND AUCTION

Poor bidding resulted in the withdrawal of all 20 lots at the public auction of KIL No. 1203 at the former Orient Tobacco Company factory yesterday. Messrs. Lamert Brothers were the auctioneers.

The biggest lot, covering about 52,440 square feet, started at \$27,500 a square foot. Another, a big lot, 98,825 square feet, began at \$35 a square foot.

Eighteen other smaller lots averaging 1,000 square feet were tagged at approximately \$27 a square foot. There were practically no challenging bids and the auction lasted less than an hour.

GROCERY STORES
FINED

Fifteen grocery stores were summoned before Mr. F.I. Zimmaron sitting at the Justice of Peace Court at Central yesterday for overcharging and with having no price tag on their goods indicated for sale.

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Under-Developed Orient
Areas Can Hope For Aid

Washington, January 23.

S. B. Show, United States forestry and conservation expert, sees in President Truman's "bold new programme" to aid under-developed areas a great hope for the agricultural zones of Asia and Africa.

Mr. Show says that in many nations today the prevalent practice is to clear forests from sloping soil and plant raw crops.

This deforestation and un-scientific planting, combined with heavy rainfalls in some areas, destroys the land for agricultural purposes within a few years.

"Then malnutrition, starvation and political troubles ensue," he considers Mr. Truman's offer to share the United States store of technical knowledge as particularly significant in view of the United States large contribution to the science of soil conservation.

The aim of the nations of the world should be to use soil for the greatest good without destruction of soil, according to Mr. Show. In practically all nations of Asia are small nuclei of technical experts ready and anxious to absorb and spread new technical advice which may be forthcoming as a result of the Truman programme.

In many sections of China, India, Siam, Burma and Malaya, the soil was denuded after un-scientific farming, Mr. Show continued. The farmers then moved to other sections.

He describes Japan's agriculture as "technically advanced" and attributes this to the scarcity of land in proportion to the huge population, which "necessitates scientific use."

UN Interest

President Truman's Inaugural Message that a development programme should be a co-operative enterprise, in which nations should work together through the United Nations and special agencies whenever practicable, is cheered by representatives of various UN agencies here. They feel the Truman statement gives prestige to their efforts and will lend impetus to programmes which must at present be necessarily curtailed because of small budgets.

Various UN agency officials point out that the Truman development programme can be speeded through the co-operative efforts of UN groups like the International Labour Organisation, which is interested in the training and utilisation of power, the World Health Organisation, Agricultural Organisation and the UN Economic and Scientific Organisation.

One official said: "You cannot cure a country's troubles without considering the problem of herself. Here is where WHO enters the picture. You must also consider soil conservation and scientific methods of growing and distributing crops. FAO is important in this respect. Efficient use must be made of manpower. But manpower which is inadequately trained is certainly inadequately used. UNESCO and the ILO can aid in this field."

China's Need

"Solution of the problem of under-developed nations depends on co-operative efforts that Mr. Truman has invited such co-operation is encouraging indeed."

The campaign against rinderpest, a disease fatal to cattle and water-buffalo, is one example cited by an FAO spokesman as a type of co-operative effort which can aid under-developed areas. In China about 1,000,000 head of cattle and water-buffalo die each year from a disease which can be prevented by vaccination.

"Financial agencies already functioning which can be utilised on under-developed nations include the World Bank and the Export-Import Bank."

As one United States official, observer put it: "The tools are available to do the job Truman recommends."—United Press.

MILITIA FOR
RUMANIA

Moscow, January 23.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, reported from Bucharest tonight that the Rumanian Government today issued a decree abolishing the police and gendarmes and setting up a militia.

The decree said that the militia, controlled by the Rumanian Home Ministry, will "safeguard the rights and liberties gained by the people and will vigilantly guard the means of production, which has become the property of the people's state."

It added: "The militia will safeguard the constructive labour of the working people of towns and countryside, and will see to it that Government laws and decrees are justly applied."—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 5.52 megacycles per second in the 3.1 metre band.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Heather Mixture" A Variety Show introduced by Howard Lockhart. (BUCTS)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Music and Songs from Scotland.

6.30 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio)

6.50 p.m.—Ten Tenets and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"See You" Talks on Sport. (Studio)

7.25 p.m.—Interlude.

7.30 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Allen Woods. (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—From the Editorials. (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—"Drama Night." An appreciation of Burns by Dorothy Simpson; Special tribute by Mr. R. K. M. Simpson, M.C., M.A., Professor of English, R.K. University. (Studio)

8.30 p.m.—"Bandstand"—Band of H.M. Scots Guards. (BUCTS)

9.05 p.m.—Story: "Hot Dogs and Yams" Written and read by Jack Shepherd (Studio)

9.15 p.m.—Violin and Piano Recital by Susan Ma (Violin) and Harry Ore (Piano). (Heather Mixture) Sonata for Violin and Piano in D Op. 12, Two Piano Solos by Harry Ore—La soiree dans Grande (Debussy) Tambourin (Rameau) Two Violin Solos by Susan Ma (Rameau) (Rameau) Hercule (Faure) (Studio)

10.00 p.m.—Radio News—Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.18 p.m.—Sound Crochet. A Picture of life in a remote Scottish island by Jenny Gilbertson. (BUCTS)

10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Barbers Down
Hair Clippers

Shanghai, January 24.
Ten thousand barbers laid down their scissors and clippers today in a strike which left many irate customers with one half of a haircut. Acting under the tight discipline of the Barbers' Union, the tonsorial artists abandoned their customers in the chairs after the Barber Shopowners' Guild failed to keep their promise to issue the year-end bonus on a percentage basis.—United Press.

Communist
Puts Out
A Feeler

Rome, January 23.

The Italian Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, speaking at a meeting at which the veteran French Communist, M. Marcel Cachin, was also present, reiterated M. Cachin's recent statement that agreement between Russia and the United States is possible.

"It is not inevitable that two systems such as the capitalism of the United States and the Communism of the Soviet Union must clash, and that their rivalry must necessarily end in war," Signor Togliatti said.

"They can and should collaborate on economic questions and settle by mutual accord any incipient conflicts."

"The march towards Socialism and Communism is inevitable, but it should develop peacefully."

(In Florence last Friday, M. Cachin declared that as Marshal Stalin and President Roosevelt had always maintained agreement between Russia and the United States is possible.)
At today's Rome meeting, M. Cachin said: "Tomorrow Communism will master the world. Today its enemies are strong and have powerful fleets, air forces and the atomic bomb. But this is nothing in the face of the union of all the workers' forces."—Reuter.

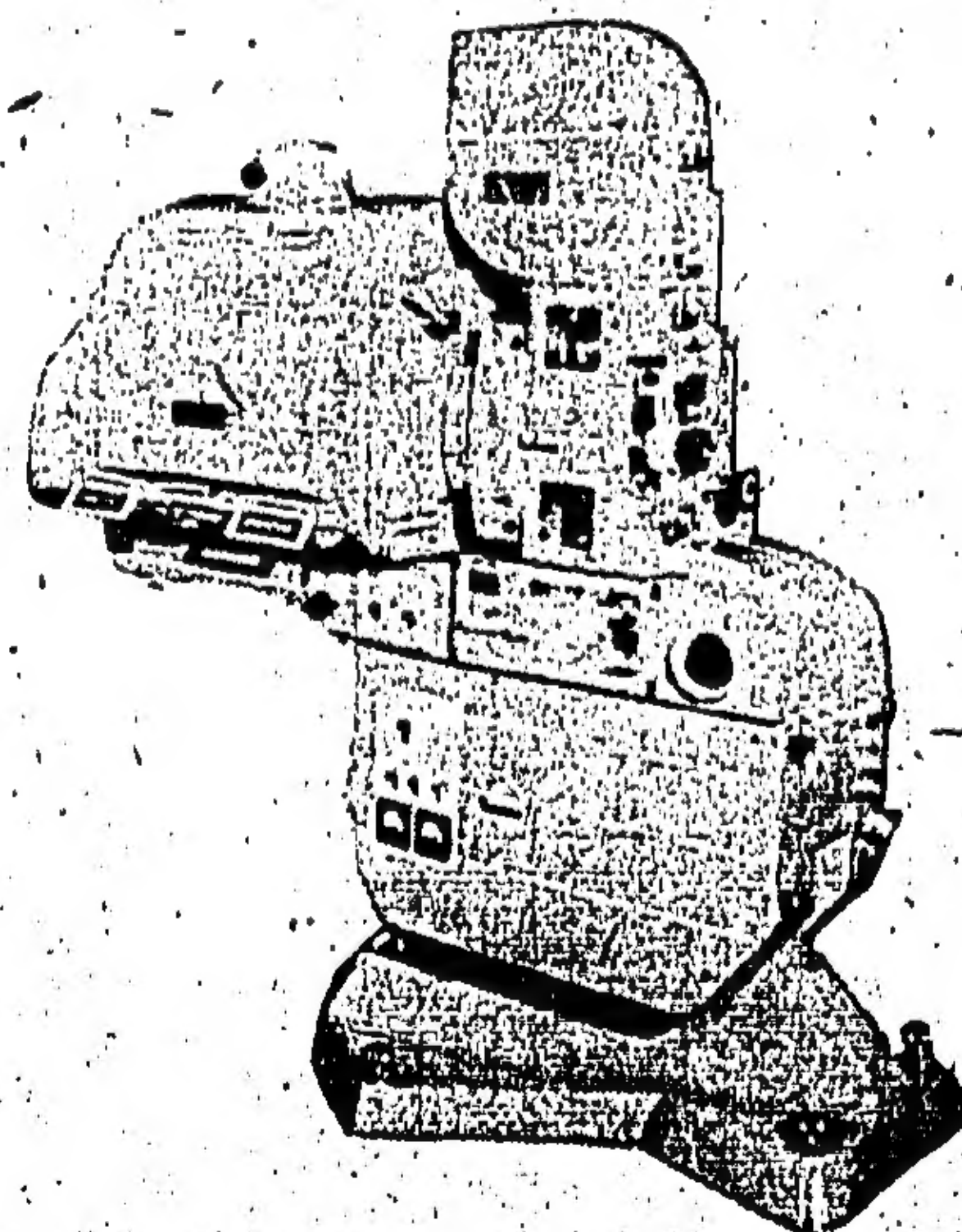
DISMISSAL OF
PROFESSORS

Seattle, January 23.

Three University of Washington professors, dismissed for Communist activity, are to appeal to the American Association of University Professors to intervene on their behalf.

The University's seven-man Board of Regents last night dismissed Ralph H. Gundlach, 46, associate professor of psychology, Herbert J. Phillips, 57, assistant professor of philosophy, and Joseph Butterworth, 51, associate in the English Department.—United Press.

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While going into the city with Simpson, shortly after its capture, I saw my first jet plane. It was a German fighter, flying very high. Every anti-aircraft gun in the area immediately opened intensive fire and within a few seconds fragments of exploded shells were dropping around us. For the only time in the war I put on a steel helmet.

The German forces in the area were now feeling the effect of the powerful converging attack and began to retreat toward the Rhine. By March 3, Simpson's IX Corps, the XVI, had swung forward, joined the Canadians, and was driving toward the river. The whole area was rapidly cleared of the enemy. In this battle, because of the proximity of the defending Germans to their bridges over the Rhine, we did not succeed in capturing the same proportion of what we did in later assaults.

With the Rhine's West bank cleared in the Northern sector it became Montgomery's task to prepare for an early assault across the river. For that operation he would need greater strength than the Twenty-first Army Group could possibly provide. Consequently I directed the Ninth Army to remain attached to him. As these forces turned their attention to preparation for the crossing, events to the Southward were proceeding remarkably well.

When Simpson began his assault on February 23 it was the signal for Bradley, in the center of our long line, to begin a series of attacks which were brilliantly managed and swiftly conducted. He then had two armies under his operational command, the First on the left, the Third on the right. As a result of the late January and early February fighting along the fronts of these two armies they had secured good positions from which to make a major assault. Bradley's first move was made by Hodges, who sent forward the VII Corps, the left of his First Army, simultaneously with Simpson's attack. The first mission of the VII Corps was to support Simpson's right as the Ninth Army moved to the assault. Success in this move would tend to uncover the right flank of the Germans to the Southward and as quickly as this happened the VII Corps was to turn to its right to attack the Germans in flank. The remainder of Hodges' army, facing Eastward, would then take up the assault. Still further to the South Patton would then begin to attack in the effort to cut off and surround the Germans and to capture or destroy them in place. Everything went like clockwork. The VII Corps, on Simpson's right,

was quickly able to begin its Southward attacks, and from that moment on success attended us everywhere along the front.

The VII Corps first overcame heavy opposition near the Eft Canal. It continued a spectacular advance and on March 5 was on the outskirts of Cologne. We had calculated that this city would be stubbornly defended, as Aachen had been. However, the hastily trained and astonished defending troops were by no means the equal of those we had met earlier in the campaign. By the afternoon of the seventh of March, Collins had taken over the whole of the city. Since we had estimated that his corps would be engaged there for a period of days in a heavy siege, the quick capture had the effect of providing us with additional divisions to exploit other victories.

While Collins' VII Corps was making these great advances Hodges launched the III and V Corps Southward toward the Rhine. The III Corps reached that river at Remagen on March 7. Here it encountered one of these bright opportunities of war which, when quickly and firmly grasped, produce incalculable effect on future operations. The assaulting Americans found the Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine was still standing at Remagen.

The Germans had, of course, made elaborate advance preparations to destroy the Rhine bridges. The Ludendorff Bridge was no exception. However, so rapid was the advance of the American troops and so great was the confusion created among the defenders that indecision and doubt overtook the detachment responsible for detonation of the charges under the bridge. Apparently the defenders could not believe that the Americans had arrived in force and possibly felt that destruction of the bridge should be delayed in order to permit withdrawal of German forces which were still West of the river in strength.

The 9th Armoured Division, under General Leonard, was leading the advance toward the bridge. Without hesitation, a gallant detachment of Brigadier General William M. Hoger's Combat Command "B" rushed the bridge and preserved it against complete destruction, although one small charge under the bridge was exploded.

This news was reported to Bradley. It happened that a SHAEF staff officer was in Bradley's headquarters when the news arrived, and a discussion at once took place as to the amount of force that should be pushed across the bridge. If the bridgehead force was too small it would be destroyed through quick concentration of German strength on the East side of the river. On the other hand, Bradley realized that if he threw a large force across he might interfere with further development of my basic plan. Bradley instantly telephoned me.

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BEVIN POLICY IN PALESTINE

Tomorrow's debate in the House of Commons puts Mr. Bevin to a severe test in justification of his Middle East policy. The decision to send British forces to Aqaba in response to King Abdullah's request was probably defensible in itself, but its coincidence with other moves, a naval concentration at Malta, the sending of British aircraft over the Israeli-Egyptian battleground, and the withdrawal of British technicians from Haifa, gave a most unfortunate impression. The suggestion has been of a concerted plan of action against Israel, which was probably not intended, but which created a needless risk of serious misunderstanding. These are the points which Mr. Churchill will develop in his attack upon Mr. Bevin's policy and the Foreign Secretary will require some convincing arguments to appraise his critics. No-one denies the right of British aircraft to fly over Sinai, but what is legitimate is not always prudent. Mr. Henderson, the Air Minister, has urged that the reconnaissance was ordered in consequence of American disquiet over the developing situation on the Egyptian border, but there is no suggestion that the Egyptian Government had requested the assistance of the RAF under the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936. To have done so would have knocked out the substance of the continual plea for the withdrawal of all British forces from Egyptian soil. Even if such a request had been made there was a dubious case for complying with it; and American alarm should have suggested caution rather than recklessness. The dispatch of British troops to Aqaba comes into a different category. Having withdrawn British troops from Palestine, no move which remotely suggested the possibility of renewed involvement could earn Mr. Bevin the thanks of the British people. The fact remains that Britain is bound by treaty to King Abdullah and he appears to have invoked this treaty. If it is to be assumed that he was moved by genuine anxiety about the situation, obviously by backing out on any pretext we should have destroyed the last vestige of confidence in British policy in the Middle East from the viewpoint of the Arabs. It needs to be borne in mind that negotiations for an armistice between Israel and Transjordan were broken off by the Israeli Government. Moreover there is a general election in Palestine early in February and if Mr. Bevin and his friends were to come into power a move against Transjordan could not be on the other side, King Abdullah's refusal to break the truce by sending the Arab Legion to the aid of the Egyptian Army in the Negev has roused the Egyptians to animosity and he might fear reprisals from that quarter. It is particularly exasperating of course that troubles of this kind should have boiled up just when the prospects for a compromise settlement became brighter. Nothing concrete has yet emerged from the Rhodes negotiations, but the great thing is that they have not broken down, and Dr. Bunche, the United Nations mediator, remains optimistic about the ultimate results. Had the chance of peace been lost as a result of the ill-judged activities of British troops, Mr. Bevin would have borne a grievous burden of responsibility. Happily, if no longer seems likely that events will shape themselves quite so badly as that.

As soon as the First and Third Armies had joined forces, Montgomery returned to specific preparation for the first of these three attacks. West of the Rhine the Siegfried Line extended Southward from the confluence of that river with the Moselle down to include the defences of the Saar Basin. Immediately South of the Saar a few German detachments remained in the Alsace plain, while farther South we were plagued by the Colmar pocket.

In January, with the Germans recoiling from their disastrous adventure in the Ardennes, I turned my attention again to Colmar. The existence of this German position in a sensitive part of our lines had always irritated me and I determined that it was to be crushed without delay. The French First Army began an attack against it on the twentieth of January but these, handicapped by bad weather, made little progress. There were two French corps surrounding the pocket, but in my determination to get rid of this annoyance once and for all I gave additional strength to the attack. I ordered the French to send an entire United States corps of four divisions. He assigned the XXI Corps under Major General Frank W. Milburn to the task, with the 3rd, 28th, and 75th Infantry Divisions and the French 6th Armoured Division. Later the 12th Armoured Division and French 2nd Armoured Division were also used in the XXI Corps zone. With the American corps as the spearhead, the two French corps and the American attacked simultaneously. German defences quickly disintegrated. Colmar surrendered February 3 and by the ninth of the month such Germans as survived in that region had been driven across the Rhine. In this operation the enemy suffered more than 22,000 casualties and heavy losses in equipment.

In the planned campaign against the German forces West of the Rhine the first attack was to be carried out by the Canadian Army of the Twenty-first Army Group, and the U.S. Ninth Army, temporarily attached to Montgomery. The Canadians were to attack South and South East across the Moselle River, while Simpson's Ninth Army would cross the Roer to advance North Eastward. This would bring a converging effort upon the defending forces and drive them rapidly back to the Rhine.

In this region were some of the best combat troops the enemy had remaining to him. They included his First Paratroop Army, in which men and units had been trained to a high degree of skill and hardiness. An additional difficulty on Simpson's front was the enemy's continued possession of the Roer dams, through which he was enabled to prevent successful assault across the Roer River. Bradley therefore ordered Hodges' First Army to capture the dams at the earliest possible date. The attack against them was launched by the V Corps on February 4. After hard fighting the First Army captured them on February 10. Even then our difficulties with the dams were not over because the Germans blocked the spillway gates in such position as to insure that overflow from the reservoirs would keep the river at flood stage for some days.

As Montgomery began preparing for his offensive he naturally wanted the U.S. Ninth Army built up to the greatest possible strength. He recommended that Bradley be ordered to stop attacking with the First and Third Armies through the Ardennes region so as to save troops for greater concentration farther North. I declined to do this. I was certain that the continued attacks in the Ardennes would tend to keep the enemy's forces away from the Northern sector. More important than this, I was very anxious to push the American line forward in the Ardennes region so that when the time should come to participate in major destructive attacks the troops would be in excellent position from which to start the move. I was sure that we could gain the line I wanted without interfering with the timely build-up of the Ninth Army.

Montgomery and I agreed on the proper timing for his initial attack. Originally we had wanted to make a simultaneous assault by the Canadians and Americans, both of whom could be ready to attack by February 10. However, neither Montgomery nor I felt it wise to wait until the flood waters of the Roer receded. He proposed, and I approved, that the Canadian attacks should begin as quickly as possible, even if a period of two weeks or more had to intervene before the American Army could join in the operation. The Canadian Army jumped off February 8. It made satisfactory initial gains but the troops quickly found themselves involved in a quagmire of flooded and muddy ground and pitted against heavy resistance. Progress was slow and costly and opposition became bitter as the Germans began moving their forces from the Roer into the path of the Canadian advance. Montgomery was not too displeased by the transfer of German weight because of the

promise it held that, once the American attack began, it would advance with great speed.

I visited General Simpson's Ninth Army during this period and found it keyed up and well prepared for the attack. If Simpson ever made a mistake as an army commander, it never came to my attention. After the war I learned that he had for some years suffered from a serious stomach disorder, but this I never would have suspected during hostilities.

Alert, intelligent, and professionally capable, he was the type of leader that American soldiers deserve. In view of his brilliant service, it was unfortunate that shortly after the war ill-health forced his retirement before he was promoted to four-star grade, which he had so clearly earned.

Simpson's army comprised three corps. The XVI, under Major General J. B. Anderson, was on the left. On the right was the XIX under Major General Raymond S. McLain. McLain was a National Guard officer who had entered the war as a brigadier

general in command of the artillery of the 10th Division. Later he took over the 80th Division during the hard fighting just following the breakout in late July. His leadership of that division was so outstanding that when General Corlett, commanding the XIX Corps, suffered a breakdown in health, McLain was advanced to command of that corps. The entire corps of Simpson's army was the XIII under Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr.

In the days following upon the Canadian attack in the North the Americans could do little except watch the river and be ready to attack as soon as receding floods permitted the bridging of that obstacle. It was two weeks after the attack that this became possible. Simpson set his attack for the morning of the twenty-third. Preceded by a violent bombardment, the Ninth Army got off as scheduled and succeeded in crossing the river. Initially the troops encountered great difficulties, particularly because of hostile artillery fire upon their floating bridges and because of destruction in the city of Jülich, caused by our aerial and artillery bombardment. The advancing units had to pass through this city, and in order to get vehicles through, it was first necessary to bring up bulldozers to shove a path through the heaps of rubble. Major General Charles H. Gerhardt's 20th Division, veterans of the Normandy assault in the preceding June, performed splendidly as did the 30th, 102nd, and 84th Divisions, also in the initial assault. These three divisions were commanded by Major Generals Leland S. Hobbs, Frank A. Keating, and Alexander R. Bolling respectively. In spite of delays, Simpson's forces made fine progress, partially as a result of the prior transfer of German forces from this front to the Canadian battlefield. In less than a week the Ninth Army captured Mönchengladbach. This was the largest German city we had captured in the war up to this time.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S. K. LEE

Lesson 16.

Vocabulary:—

91. (shí) shé	Time.
92. (chán) jùn	A moment.
93. (táng) dūng²	To wait. Class. Grade.
94. (ts'oh) tsaw	To sit.
95. (wan) wun²	To look for. To seek.
96. (haang) haang	To walk. To go. To move.
(hong) hong	A building. A firm.
97. (tsau) dzau	Soon. Then. Thus.

Combinations:

1. Shé shé.	Always.
2. Yau shé.	Sometimes.
3. Gay² shé?	When?
4. Né² jùn shé.	This moment of time. At present.
5. Gaw² jùn shé.	That moment of time. When. Then.
6. Dūng² yut¹ jùn.	To wait a moment.
7. Tsing² tsaw.	Please take a seat.
8. Wun² yun.	To look for somebody. To visit somebody.
9. Wun² tseen².	To make money.
10. Ngun hong.	Bank.

Conversation:

A. Nay wun² been¹ gaw² ah?	Whom do you want?
B. Ngaw wun² tseen seen¹ shaang¹	I want Mr. Tseen.
A. Kui hui¹ jaw² ngun hong.	He has gone to the bank. (and) hasn't come back yet.
B. Kui gay² shé faan¹ lai neh¹?	When will he be back?
A. Kui dzau faan¹ lai lok¹.	He will be back soon.
Tsing² nay dūng² yut¹ jùn lah¹.	Please wait a moment.
A. Ngaw² moh shé gaan².	I have no time (and)
M dūng² kui lok².	I shall not wait for him.
M goy¹ nay² wah kui jee¹	Please tell him (that).
ngaw wun² kui lah¹	I am looking for him.
A. Hoh² lah¹.	Very well.
B. M goy¹ nay.	Thank you.
A. Hoh² wah lok²	Not at all.

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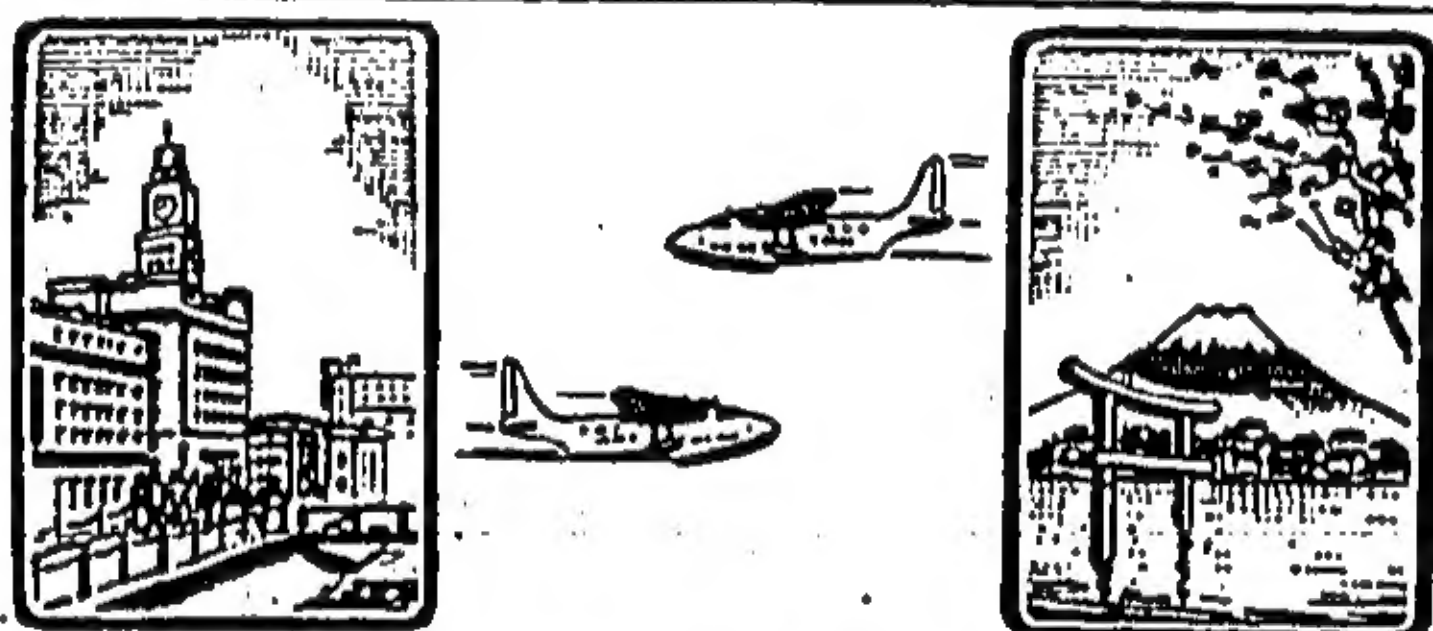
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Professors Detained

Shanghai, January 24.
Two professors of the National Chiao Tung University, Chen Wei-chi and Su Yung-ping, have been detained at Garrison Headquarters.

The arrests were made at their homes on January 19, by the security authorities. A faculty meeting is due for today to discuss ways and means of getting the professors released. A statement may be issued to protest against the arrests, the reason for which has not yet been announced.—Reuter.

Mr. Shaw's Attack On Taxation

London, January 23.
The present laws of taxation on British authors were attacked today by George Bernard Shaw, now 82 years old, who said that they, together with composers, painters and playwrights, live by "gambling" more desperately than any starter in a horse race.

He appealed to the Exchequer to restore and extend the old system of taxing an author's earnings on his average for three years.

In a letter published in the Times, Mr. Shaw added: "How we authors and inventors envy the gamblers on the turf and the 'Stock Exchange, the insurance companies, the pawnbrokers, the Casino exploiters who, without running a little of our risks, are not taxed on their winnings."

"Why should we suffer what is virtually a tax on our capital, which other gamblers incur only in the form of estate duties against which they can afford to insure?"

"Why is property in our creations communised after less than two lifetimes, and that of simple distributors made perpetual?"

"Could not the Exchequer ease the matter a little either by restoring and extending the old average, or making the privileged gamblers pay their fair share?"—Reuter.

Miss Truman To Give Recitals

Washington, January 23.
The White House today announced that the President's daughter, Margaret, a coloratura soprano, had signed a contract with James Davidson of New York as her manager in the concert and allied fields for the 1949-50 season.

Davidson, who manages such artists as Helen Traubel and Jeanette MacDonald, expects to arrange a limited number of recitals for Miss Truman, beginning in October.

The White House made no comment. Intimates have said for a long time that Margaret's goal is the Metropolitan Opera.—United Press

Jewish Delegates Show Impatience

Rhodes, January 23.

The Arab-Jewish armistice negotiations here may break down completely if the present deadlock over troops withdrawal in Palestine continues much longer, observers believe.

Intensive back stage discussions, guided by Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations Mediator, have failed to shake either side from its original stand.

Dr. Bunche is calling another series of meetings in a supreme effort to break the deadlock.

The Egyptians, according to a United Nations source, continue to base their argument on the lines of the Security Council's November 4 resolution—meaning an Israeli withdrawal from the largest part of the Negev.

The Israeli stand, the same source said, is still based on their demand for a complete evacuation of Egyptian troops from Palestine soil.

The Israeli delegation is showing signs of growing impatience at the lack of progress and optimism is giving way to suspicion. A senior member of the delegation declared that the "stubborn" attitude of the Egyptians is likely to wreck the conference.

"It gives rise," he said, "to doubts whether the whole Egyptian intention in coming to Rhodes was nothing but to obtain the release of the Arab Egyptian brigade trapped at Fajujia (in the Northern Negev)."

Israeli Plea

Dr. Walter Eytan, chief of the Israeli delegation, told Reuter after a three-hour informal talk with Dr. Bunche today: "There is no change in the situation," indicating that the Israeli delegation still stands by its demand. Dr. Bunche was afterwards due to meet the Egyptians to explain the Israeli views. Reliable sources said he will convey an Israeli plea for the Egyptians to show "good faith" by softening their attitude.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military spokesman denied today that the Egyptian brigade trapped at Fajujia will be evacuated tomorrow. He said the brigade, besieged since last October, will be evacuated only after the signing of an Israeli-Egyptian armistice, and its withdrawal will be arranged by the United Nations.

The vanguard of the United Nations Conciliation Commission's Secretariat, led by Dr. Pablo Azcarate, arrived in Jerusalem today as machine-gun and rifle fire broke the peace of the city somewhere South of the Old City walls.

After 20 minutes all was quiet again and there were no reports of any casualties.

UN Commission

The three-nations Conciliation Commission, chaired by the General Assembly with helping the Jews and Arabs to decide the future of the country, is expected in Jerusalem tomorrow.

Composed of representatives of the United States, France and Turkey, the Commission left Geneva, where it held several preliminary meetings, by air on Thursday.

Dr. Azcarate, a Spanish Republican aged 63, who served for many years in the League of Nations, was until now United Nations representative with the Arab League headquarters in Cairo.

China A Warning To West

London, January 23.

Some sections of the British press today indicated that the recent developments in China are a warning to the Western world.

"By retiring from the Presidency to clear the way for peace talks," he (General Chiang Kai-shek) has no intention of admitting the victory of Communism," the Sunday Express said.

"There is a popular belief that the Chinese Communists differ from the genuine Russian specimens. They are said to be more proudly nationalistic and to put the country before the Politburo," the Sunday Express continued. "But those who think this will disillusion themselves."

"Their victory opens almost unlimited opportunities to the Politburo in Asia. It would be folly if we failed to recognise the danger."

The News of the World said: "What the future holds for China as the Communist armies sweep Southward none can foretell. Others have tried to conquer China in the past and have been absorbed by its patient, toiling millions. It may be that the same fate will befall the new warlords."

"Chiang Kai-shek's regime crumbled away because it lacked a militant spirit equal to that opposed to it. Therein lies the warning to the Western world."—Reuter.

VETERAN OF THE BOER WAR

Wrexham, January 24.
Lieutenant Colonel Sir Charles Lawther, 68, a veteran of the Boer War and winner of the Distinguished Service Order in World War One, died last night in his sleep at his home, Ebbishlock Hall.—Associated Press.

British Conflict With France

Paris, January 23.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will soon have two conferences with the French Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, M. Maurice Pateche.

The talks will show whether it is possible to avert the imminent clash between the British and French policies for implementing the Marshall Plan programme.

The two Ministers will meet in Paris first about the middle of February, just before the next meeting of the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

Definite dates for these meetings have not yet been fixed.

Sir Stafford will meet M. Pateche again after the OEEC Council either late in February or early in March.

British delegates to the Anglo-French economic talks refuse to state their attitude to the French request that the British court allowance be increased from £25 to £75. It is understood, however, that the British representatives will recommend some increase to their Government.

The conflict between the British and French four-year Marshall Plan programmes arises from Britain's desire to expand her exports to Western Europe and contract her imports, and France's desire to expand her exports to Britain outside the traditional categories.

The French claim that Britain's plan will result in France

BOY CONDUCTOR IN LONDON

Gamba, January 23.

Nearly 6,000 Londoners today heard an 11-year-old Italian boy, Pierino Gamba, conduct London's Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme of works by Beethoven, Rossini and Bizet.

At the end of the concert, members of the audience climbed on their chairs to cheer and applaud Pierino, the small son of a Rome baker, who stood before the orchestra pale-faced and grave in a black velvet suit and white frilled collar. On his chest he wore the medal of honorary conductor of the Madrid Symphony Orchestra presented to him last year in Spain.—Reuter.

BRITISH JEWRY RESOLUTION

London, January 23.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the representative body of British Jewry, today urged Britain to accord, without delay, full recognition to Israel.

A resolution adopted at a meeting today added: "The Board reaffirms its policy that the retention of Jerusalem and of the Negev as integral parts of the State of Israel is indispensable to its security and economic welfare."—Reuter.

Recognition May Be Delayed Few Days

London, January 23.
British de facto recognition of the Government of Israel may be delayed a few more days, it is believed in well-informed, diplomatic quarters here today.

But a Cabinet decision in principle to recognise the Israeli State is expected early this week—possibly tomorrow and in any case in time for the House of Commons debate on Palestine on Wednesday.

Consultations between the British Embassy in Washington and the United States Government on British plans for recognition of Israel and the United States recognition of Transjordan are continuing.

American action, however, is unlikely until after the Israeli general elections next Tuesday.—Reuter.

Israel Holding First Elections

Tel Aviv, January 23.

Several minor clashes were reported and the police alerted in the cities of Tel-Aviv and Jaffa today as the new state of Israel prepared to hold its first general election on Tuesday.

None of the incidents is considered serious, but the relatively placid campaign is reaching a nervous, noisy climax.

Over 300,000 Jews and 30,000 Arabs will go to the polls on Tuesday to elect the first Jewish Assembly in 2,000 years.

Observers expect pro-Western candidates to win the majority of the 120 seats at stake. The Communists can count on 20 per cent of the vote, according to observers.

As it prepares to ballot, Israel is on the brink of a really critical week.

Peace and border negotiations with Egypt are taking place on the Mediterranean island of Rhodes.

Britain is expected to grant de facto recognition to the new state this week, and France, Australia and New Zealand are expected to follow suit.

These moves, coupled with de jure recognition by the United States, will probably shift a number of votes to pro-Western candidates like members of Premier David Ben-Gurion's and Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok's Mapai or Labour Party.

Irgun Followers

Clashes were reported in Jaffa between Labourites and followers of Menahem Beigin, former head of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi and now leader of the Freedom Movement which advocates Jewish control of all Palestine and Transjordan.

Latest Jewish reports from Rhodes predict a successful conclusion to the armistice talks with Egypt. The Jewish-Transjordanian talks are reported to have reached a snag, however, over the technical but delicate question of a frontier line on the

OBJECTIVES OF BRITISH POLICY

London, January 23.

Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State and deputy to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said tonight that the objectives of British policy will continue to be the securing of peace treaties with defeated nations.

He told a meeting of his constituents at Greenock that Britain seeks international normality, collective security with those anxious to redeem their signatures to the Charter of the United Nations, and some measure of disarmament, including atomic bomb control by international agreement.


Britain, he said, has reduced her armed forces from 8,000,000 to little over 800,000. Russia's armed forces probably total 4,000,000 yet it is the Soviets who accuse the British of being warmongers.

Mr. McNeill said that at the United Nations recently, he in-

ited the Soviet representative, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, to deny that four million figure and invited him "to open his books in the same way as our books and accounts are open" to create international confidence.

"Mr. Vyshinsky, rather surprisingly, told me to mind my own business," Mr. McNeill said.

Mr. McNeill added that any one who studies the documents on the struggle of the past two and a half years to control the atomic bomb and atomic energy for the benefit of mankind will conclude that only one power stood in the way of making it possible.—Reuter.



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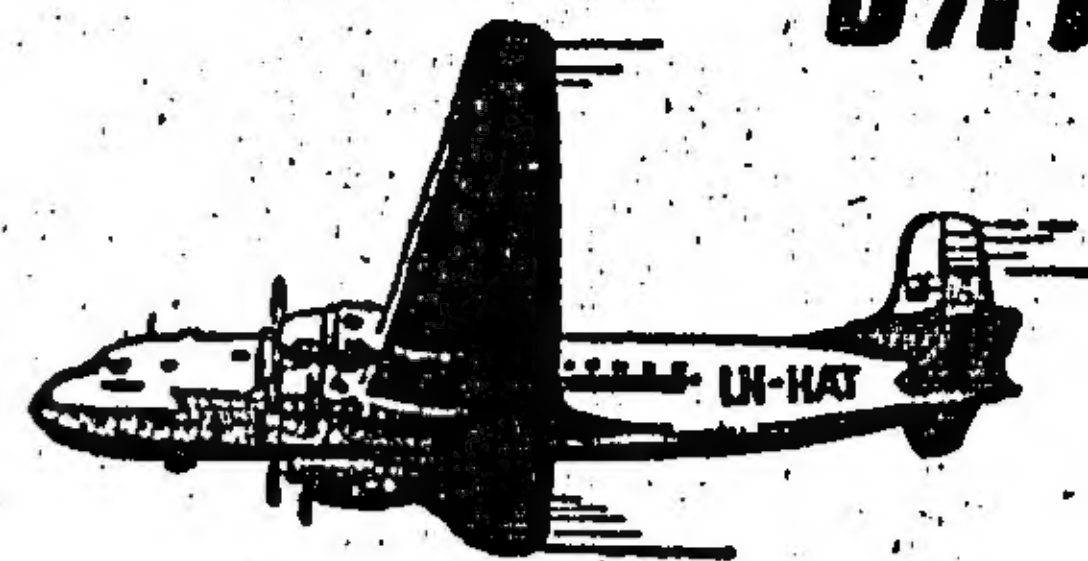
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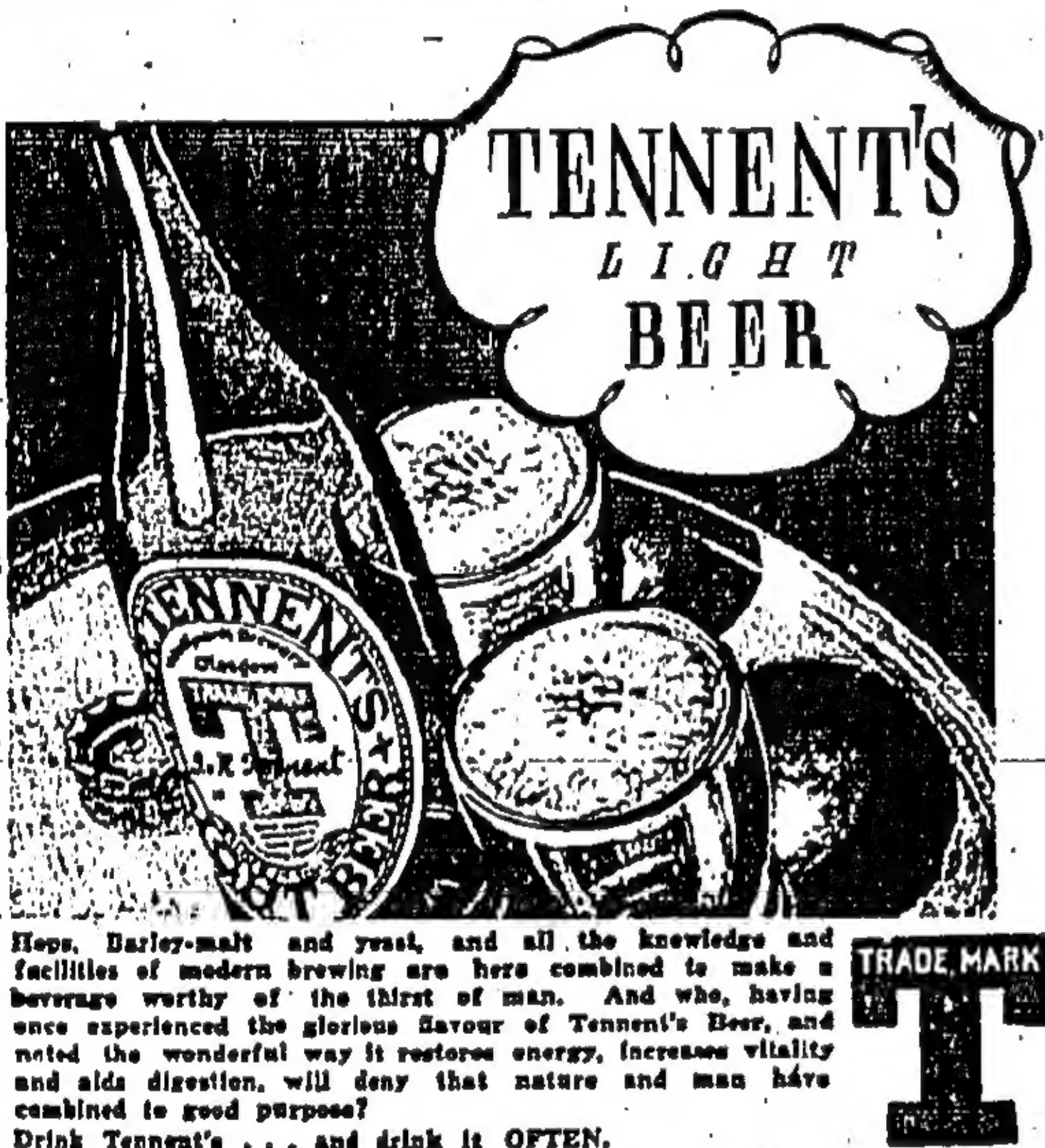
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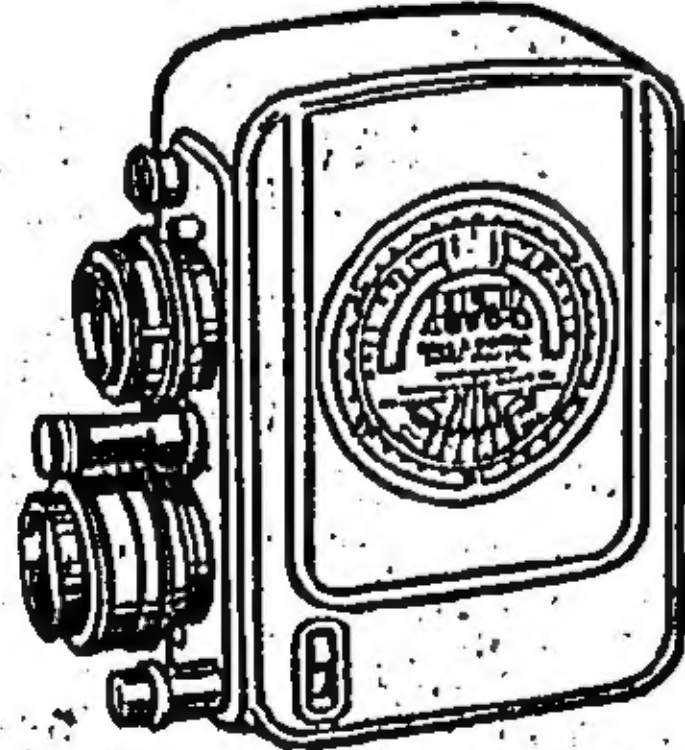
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NEW ENEMY NO. 1 OF EASTERN NATIONS

New Delhi, January 23.

Many delegates to the 19-nation Asian Conference admit that Communism is replacing Western imperialism as the prime object of their distrust.

"One of the major objectives of any Asiatic Union will be to halt the tide of Communism in the Orient," says General Romulo, of the Philippines.

General Romulo is undoubtedly expressing the feelings of many of the delegates in saying this.

He made the statement as diplomats agree that a potent Asian bloc, embracing more than half of the world's population and a vast share of the globe's wealth, was born at the New Delhi conference on Indonesia.

These diplomats say the meeting set a pattern for continuing co-operation which will make the Asiatic bloc an increasingly effective force in international politics.

They discount, however, the idea that the Asian union will

find primary stimulus in racialism—that is, white versus yellow races.

They emphasize that in contrast, the Asians themselves are very conscious of the fact, more so than the Westerners that their major problems are economic and political.

Chiang's Flight

The flight of President Chiang Kai-shek from Nanking has had some influence on the delegates. This event made them more aware of the ever-present danger of Communism moving into vacuums.

British, American, and other Western diplomats who watched the conference, closely are not displeased by the results.

They are especially pleased by the delegates' consciousness of the danger of Communism.

The Western diplomats admire the way the Asians conducted the meeting and the restraint with which various countries approached the discussions.—United Press.

Plan For Northern Australia

Canberra, January 24.

Australia will develop her Northern Territory if Britain will promise to buy the beef that area produces for at least ten years, the Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, said.

He told a news conference that talks about the plan are continuing with the United Kingdom.

Few people live in the Northern Territory. Roads and railways will have to be built to open up the country.

Mr. Chifley said optimists believe that 400,000 tons of beef a year can be exported from the Northern Territory.

Australia usually exports around 200,000 tons of beef a year.

In London, a Treasury spokesman said any hopes to develop Australian meat producing areas to rival Argentina as the main source of British supplies will necessarily be based on long term plans.—Associated Press.

Britain Studying Delhi Decisions

London, January 23.

The British Government is studying the resolutions passed by the Asian Conference at New Delhi.

When this study is completed, a Foreign Office spokesman said, the Government will decide whether to send new instructions based on the New Delhi decisions to Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate to the Security Council at Lake Success.

Points of resemblance are noted here between the New Delhi resolutions and the United States sponsored resolution before the Security Council, although the former go further in demanding quick transfer of power from the Dutch to the Republics.

The British attitude, following the recent assurances given to the Security Council by the

Dutch representative, M. Van Rooyen, is to press the Dutch for early action to carry them out.

At the same time, the Dutch argument that wholesale Dutch withdrawal or transfer of responsibility is likely to result in the loss of law and order and economic chaos is recognised as having real practical weight.

Commenting on the New Delhi Conference, the New York Herald Tribune writes that it may be some time before the consequences in shaping the future of the world.

These consequences would go far beyond the immediate question under discussion.

"Australians and New Zealanders, Malays, Hindus, Afghans, Gurkhas and Arabs have asserted their common interest in solving a problem which is common to them all."

"Asia is an indubitable fact and its pronouncements, its emotions cannot be ignored. The task of the West is to come to terms with this fact and to adjust its actions and its thinking to a new situation."—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH CO. IN BERLIN

Berlin, January 23.

Major General E. O. Herbert, former British Commandant in Berlin who has been appointed Director of the Territorial Army, left Berlin by air today.

Major General G. K. Bourne, his successor, and Professor Ernst Reuter, the Western Lord Mayor of Berlin, saw him off at Gatow Airport.—Reuter.

RELEASED RAF MEN IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, January 23.

The two British pilots held by the Israeli authorities after their Royal Air Force planes were shot down on the Palestine-Egyptian border on January 7 have arrived in Cyprus.

They are Flying Officer Timothy McEathwa, of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Pilot Officer Frank Close, of London.—Reuter.

SPITFIRE CRASH

Nicosia, January 24.

A Spitfire crashed early today while on night flying exercises in the hills near Nicosia, a report on the North coast of Cyprus. The pilot, whose name is not given, was killed. Two other machines returned safely.—Associated Press.

Republican Leaders Holding Out

Batavia, January 23.

The Indonesian Republican leaders interned in Sumatra are maintaining their refusal to negotiate with the Dutch over the formation of an Interim Federal Government under the Republican Cabinet. They are not allowed to convene and are recognised as a Government, a usually reliable source here said today.

Dutch sources had earlier suggested that the Republican leaders would be offered the opportunity of meeting at some place outside Java to consider their attitude.—Reuter.

Mass Meeting Of Protest

Sydney, January 23.

Protests against the arrest of Cardinal Mundelein, Hungary's Catholic Primate, were forwarded today to the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, by all Catholic Churches here.

A mass meeting at which 100,000 people are expected to attend will be held in Sydney next Sunday. Cardinal Gilroy, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, will be the principal speaker.—Reuter.

Asian Talks And United Nations

Lake Success, January 24.

Action of the Asian conference in New Delhi has strengthened the hand of the Security Council for dealing with the Indonesian question.

The conference demanded "overdue" action by the United Nations to end the Dutch rule and military action in the Far Eastern Republic.

It is significant that the Asian conference channelled all its efforts through the UN. A Bloc of countries with as much potential power as those which met in New Delhi could have taken more drastic action.

"They showed a great deal of moderation," one U.S. source said. Certain delegations may feel inclined now to offer amendments to the four-power joint resolution on Indonesia on which debate will be resumed when the Security Council reconvenes on Tuesday.

The proposal has been criticised by the Dutch Foreign Office. A U.S. spokesman indicated, however, that strong amendments will run the danger of making the resolution unpalatable and may drive away Council votes.

Mr. Charles Hambro, alternate Indonesia delegate to the UN, issued this statement today after the Asian conference concluded its sessions in New Delhi:

"The peoples of Asia should erect at the first opportunity a monument to Dutch stupidity, for the Dutch rape of Indonesia has brought together the sovereign nations of the continent in concerted action which will result in complete freedom from alien rule for those parts of Asia still dominated by the old imperialism."

"Holland—a small province in Europe—has stalked the whole of Asia. Who will win out?"—Press.

TRIAL OF BRITISH OFFICER

Panjong, Sumatra, January 24.

Two lists of arms stated to be worth about £350,000 were read by the public prosecutor today during the third day of the trial here of Carlton Hire, 39-year-old British naval officer, accused by the Dutch of supplying arms to Indonesia.

One of the lists was found on Hire and the other was found in Singapore, the prosecutor said. He also produced a letter, stated to have been signed by Hire and addressed to a Communist organization in Jogjakarta, former capital of the Indonesian Republic.

Hire said that the list found on him was given to him by a man named Johnson. He denied knowing the Jogjakarta organization to which the letter was addressed was Communist.

The prosecutor also produced a list referring to aircraft, and the judge asked Hire whether it was true that the list of aircraft and the second list of arms were enclosed with the letter to Jogjakarta.

Hire replied: "I wrote the letter but do not remember enclosing the lists. The letter was not sent to Jogjakarta by me."

Asked whether he intended the letter should reach Jogjakarta, Hire said that it was a confirmation written at the request of a broker who came to his office.

At this stage, Hire's counsel submitted that the lists and letter had nothing to do with the arms found at an island called Alirabu and asked that the matter be struck off the record.—Reuter.

New Delhi Talks Produce An Important Political Factor

New Delhi, January 24.

Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier, told the final conference of Asian nations that he hopes close co-operation has come to stay among the 19 countries represented at the meeting.

Mr. Nehru said that the New Delhi meetings represent only the beginning of a task and the completion of the first stage.

There had been some feeling, he said, that the conference should discuss other issues, in addition to Indonesia, but it is vital that they concentrate on this one problem.

Mr. Nehru said the conference action on Indonesia, because it came from such a large number of nations, must necessarily bear considerable weight.

"We have taken great care to say something dignified, practical and feasible," he said, "and we hope the Security Council realises the strong feeling that lies behind it."

"We have got come here in hostility," he said, "not even in the Netherlands who have done injustice to Indonesia."

Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, representing the Philippines, said the conference had produced a new political factor of great weight which is bound to become important in future world councils. He warned against any complacency since an Indonesian settlement has not been reached.

"Massive Fact"

General Romulo said the nations represented in the conference comprise more than one half the world's population, half of the globe and one-third of the United Nations membership.

"That is a massive political fact," he said, "and it must count heavily in future consideration of any problem or formulation of any policy affecting the peace, freedom and prosperity of mankind."

"Political co-operation among the nations of Asia has passed from a dream to reality."

He thinks the meetings have advanced the cause of Indonesian freedom. He urged the conference of nations to follow up their decisions and exercise vigilance against the "new dangers to the peace, independence or security of our part of the world."

General Romulo hopes the 19 nations will continue co-operative action "helping Asia achieve its rightful place in the new world which we are striving to build through the United Nations."

German Communist Party Purge

Berlin, January 23.

A German Communist Party official today confirmed reports that the Party is being purged of Nationalist and anti-Soviet members.

Paul Merker, member of the Communist Central Committee, said the Party has begun to eliminate "corrupt elements who are hostile to the working class and the Party."

Writing in the Tagliche Rundschau, sponsored by the Soviet Army, Merker said Yugoslavia's defection from the Cominform line prompted this "determined fight" within the German Party against "nationalist tendencies". The belief of a large majority of Party members have been thoroughly investigated, he said.

Merker's article is preparatory to the three-day Communist conference which will open here on Tuesday, and Allied observers believe the article indicates the possibility of a wide rift within Communist Party ranks which until now has been concealed.

Merker blamed Nationalist thinking within the Party on "lack of understanding of the fact that Russia, freed Germany from Nazism and paved the way for democratic reconstruction."

As an example, he cited criticism of Germany's new Eastern frontier, formed after territory had been ceded to Poland and Rumania. By opposing the new boundary, he said, some "Party members" allowed themselves "to be pulled into the stream of American imperialism's nationalist policy."

CYPRUS FIGHT

Nicosia, January 23.

British troops today caught 80 escaped Jewish inmates trying to enter Cyprus camp to qualify for embarkation to Palestine tomorrow under the British decision to release immigrants of military age.

Several Jews were injured in a fight with men of the South Wales Regiment and one was taken to hospital.—Reuter.

New York, January 24.

Two earth tremors, probably originating in the Dutch East Indies, were recorded by the Fordham University seismograph at 6:53 a.m. and 7:18 a.m. GMT yesterday.

The shocks were momentary and the waves continued several hours, the University said.—Associated Press.

SAN SALVADOR RECOGNISED

San Salvador, January 24.

The Government announces that France has recognised the new Salvadoran military regime which seized power last month.—Associated Press.

Indonesians Satisfied

New Delhi, January 23.

The Indonesian reaction to the outcome of the Asian Conference is favourable. Republican representatives say they are "profoundly satisfied with the results so far achieved" and are convinced that decisions endorsed by more than half of the human race cannot escape the attention of the whole world and therefore bear great weight in the councils of the world.—United Press.

U.S. ORCHESTRA TO TOUR U.K.

Philadelphia, January 24.

The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra will leave for a three-week tour of Britain on May 13. Previously the orchestra had rejected British terms of a £2,000 a week salary for the orchestra and £10,000 transport expenses. A spokesman for the orchestra later said that the matter has been amicably settled.—Associated Press.

PAL OPENS UP NEW ROUTE

Washington, January 23.

Philippines Airlines today announced that negotiations have been completed to add Tokyo and Okinawa to its international route and the inaugural flight has been tentatively set for January 26.

The new route will add 1,838 miles to the present flight which the Line said, extend three-quarters of the way around the world from San Francisco to London.—United Press.



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Parents Watch Son's Death

Sydney, January 23. A father and mother saw their only son, aged 23, killed by a shark today on the beach at Newcastle, New South Wales.

The young man, who was taking part in a surf-riding contest, was about 120 yards from the shore when his foot was caught in rocks. Before help could reach him he was seized by the shark in its first attack and dragged under.—*Reuter*.

COPPER FROM YUGOSLAVIA

New York, January 23. The president of an importing company said in New York today that large shipments of Yugoslav copper are now on the way to the United States.

The State Department is considering export licenses for goods which Yugoslavia is seeking in exchange for copper, lead and other strategic materials.—*Reuter*.

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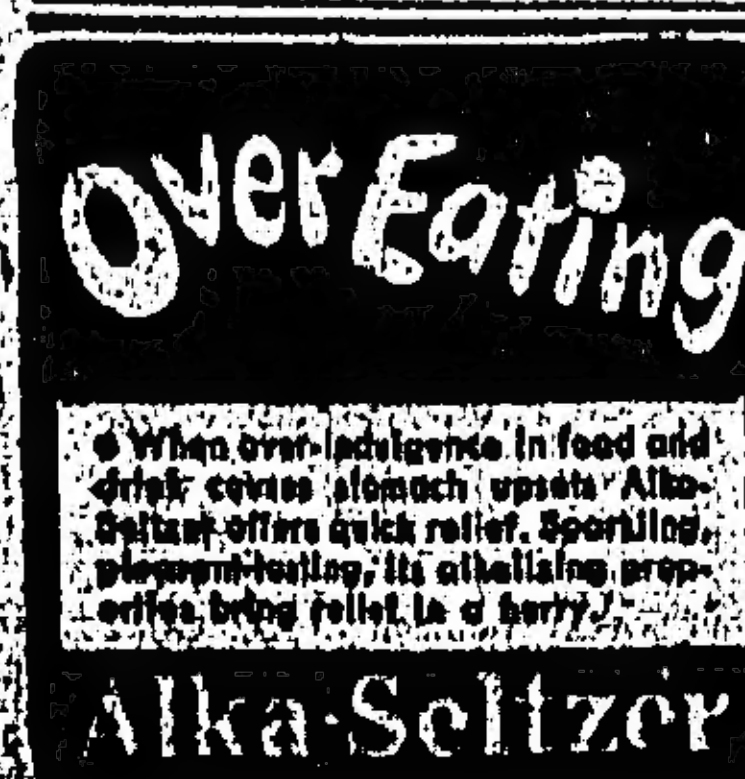
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Barring Russians From Middle East

London, January 24.

British recognition of Israel, expected in the near future, is part of the Anglo-American strategy to bar Russia from the Middle East.

Britain plans to acknowledge formally that the tiny Jewish state now exists. It will end a three-year chapter of bitter, and often bloody, Anglo-Jewish relations.

It will bring close together for the first time American and British policies in that vital area.

The United States is expected at about the same time to give recognition to King Abdullah of Transjordan, whose Arab Legion troops fought against the Jews in the recent conflict.

American and British diplomats agree that without peace, the Middle East may soon become a field of extended Communist activity. Small Communist groups are already active in most of the Arab countries. And there is a Communist party in Israel.

These groups have been able to take advantage of the often opposing Middle East policies of Britain and the United States.

British recognition of Israel will be a major change in policy since British Middle East policy has been based on friendship with the Arab nations for many years. Their sprawling countries, much of them deserts, link the Mediterranean to the Far East and the Suez Canal Britain's trade route to the East, is cut through Egypt.

Oil Reservoir

Always strategically important to Britain, the area now has been developed into one of the world's great oil reservoirs.

Middle East oil has become the lifeblood of European and world recovery. Ten years ago less than a quarter of Europe's oil came from Arabian oil fields. Official estimates now say that in two years' time Europe may get four fifths of its supply there.

British and American concerns hold the biggest part of the Arab oil concessions while smaller shares are held by France and the Netherlands.

While Britain has been preoccupied with the Arabs, the United States became interested in the Zionist cause. The Jews wanted a home, a state of their own. They wanted it in Palestine.

Jewish immigration into Palestine began to grow. British rule under a League of Nations mandate, began limiting this flow of immigrants in 1939.

U.S. Backing

But the Jews did not give up. They raised funds by private subscription, much of it in the United States. Americans gave not only their funds but their political influence as well. The Zionists wanted the money to develop the rocky slopes and more fertile valleys of Palestine. Gradually the weight of American political influence led to positive official backing for the Jewish cause.

Britain gave up her mandate last spring, declaring that no solution acceptable to both the Arabs and the Jews could be found. The United Nations voted for partition, the Arabs refused to accept it. And the war in Palestine began.

Arab leaders cried out that 40,000,000 Arabs could not be beaten by a comparatively handful of fewer than 1,000,000 Jews.

When the Arab reverses began, the Arab leaders declared Britain had deserted them while the Jews contended that the British were actively helping the Arabs in the war.

The Jews quickly used their predicament and determination to build a small but hard-hitting force. The Arabs bickered among themselves. In their armies the gap between those at the top and those at the bottom was a chasm.

Arab Pressure

Against their losses in the field, the Arab governments began to face increasing unrest at home, and the seven-nation Arab League began slowly to fall apart.

The Arabs shut off a vital oil pipeline from the Iraq fields to Haifa. The fighting also blocked proposed construction of new pipelines from Saudi Arabia and Iranian oil fields to the Mediterranean coast.

The Arabs aimed at putting pressure on Britain and the United States, since the oil was needed for European recovery. Slowly Britain and the United States began working towards a common policy in the Middle East.

The war in the Holy Land was beginning to strain Anglo-American friendship.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, often accused of being personally embittered by the terrorist violence of the Jews, moved closer to the United States policy and his entire Palestine policy came under fire in Parliament.

British Hope

From top level talks in Washington and in London, a new policy then emerged. Diplomats of both countries in the Middle East began a campaign to restore peace.

There is no doubt that Israel will claim the British recognition as a diplomatic victory. Many leading Britons have expressed hopes that it would be used by

moderate elements in Britain to restore Anglo-Jewish friendship that began to fade years ago.

Some American and British sources say the Western powers would like to stake their main points of Middle Eastern policy on Israel and Turkey. Turkey is now receiving American aid and the Import-Export Bank has announced plans to lend Israel \$25,000,000.

But the United States and Britain are also aware of the weaknesses and needs of the Arabs. Britain has military treaties with Iraq, Egypt and Transjordan, and Egypt and Iraq are seeking revisions of these treaties.

Diplomats familiar with the area declare that one of the first needs of the Arabs is modernization. They need both money and technical guidance. It is conceivable that the United States and Britain will seek to win back Arab friendship by offering to give them the guidance and the help to a more modern life.—*Associated Press*.

Acheson's Biggest Worry

Washington, January 24. China is widely regarded here as the hottest trouble spot confronting the new U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

However, informed sources see no prospect of any quick, important development in American policy toward that country.

They point out that collapse of the Nationalist Government means such a quick development of Communist China that regions beyond its borders may be menaced.

Such a rapid spread of the Red tide would give urgency to the problem of action by the Western powers to oppose Communist influence in South East Asian lands.

As long as the present confused situation persists in China itself, American policy will remain one of non-involvement, authorities here say.

If and when either a coalition Government or a Communist regime emerges, the United States will adopt a policy tailored to fit the new situation.—*Associated Press*.

STABLE FRANC NOW IN SIGHT

Paris, January 23. All indications show that the stability of the franc and victory over inflation are in sight, Mr. Maurice Petche, French Finance Minister, said in a broadcast today.

He was appealing to the French people to subscribe to the new national reconstruction loan for which subscriptions open tomorrow.

Mr. Petche said French production last year was 15 per cent more than in 1938. The Government had made economies totalling 50,000 million francs in four months.—*Reuter*.

Tory Opposition On Palestine

London, January 23.

The Conservative Parliamentary Opposition may vote in censure of the Government's Palestine policy.

They will do so if they are dissatisfied with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin's, statement next Wednesday in the House of Commons debate.

For the first time the Government will face a major debate on foreign policy without any assurance of support from the Opposition.

The Government's large Parliamentary majority almost rules out any possibility of an adverse vote, winning the day but it will be powerless to prevent a verbal demonstration by members of all parties, notwithstanding the expected British recognition of the State of Israel.

Fog Blanket Over Shanghai

Shanghai, January 24. A heavy fog that cut out visibility to as low as 50 feet early this morning continued to freeze all air traffic in the Shanghai area.

The fog closed in shortly after noon yesterday, and air flights into and out of Shanghai have been disrupted since. The fog became so thick during this morning that motor-cars drove in Shanghai streets with lights on and horns sounding even more constantly than usual to avoid accidents.—*United Press*.

Communist Emblem Displaced

Milan, January 23.

The Italian Workers Socialist Unity Party adopted a rising sun as its party symbol instead of a hammer and sickle when its second National Congress opened in Milan today.

The party is the moderate section of Italian Socialism led by Signor Giuseppe Saragat. The Congress is expected to last four days.

The vital problem before it is continued participation in the Coalition Government headed by Signor de Gasperi. The Socialist Unity Party has two representatives in the Government—Signor Saragat (Vice-Premier and Minister of Mercantile Marine) and Signor Roberto Tremelloni (Minister without Portfolio).

The veteran women Socialist, Signora Angelica Eialabani, was elected President of the Congress today. In her address, she said she is in favour of the party remaining in the Government and taking an anti-Communist stand.

Foreign delegates attending include Denis Healey, International Secretary of the British Labour Party; Van Der Goes (Dutch Socialist), Rodolfo Lopez (exiled Spanish Socialist) and Zhivro Topolevic (exiled leader of the Yugoslav Social Democrat Party representing the Socialists of Eastern Europe).—*Reuter*.

Atomic Research Aids Crop

Hobart, January 23.

Atomic research in Canada may produce better wheat crops in Australia, Professor G. M. Schrum, physics Professor at the British Columbia University, told the Australian and New Zealand Science Congress in Hobart.

Experiments are being carried out with phosphate fertilizer, containing radioactive phosphorus, he said.

Australian economy is working at only 70 per cent capacity despite full employment, Professor D. B. Copland, former Australian Prices Commissioner, told the Congress.

Unless the Australian dollar policy is changed, he said, Australia will have to import some food should the population reach the 10 million mark and agricultural products remain at the pre-war level.

"Instead of making strenuous efforts to meet difficulties by expanding exports and borrowing in the United States to meet the dollar deficit," Mr. Copland added, "we are adopting a course of restricting dollar imports."—*Reuter*.

Captain Last Man Off



The captain of the Spanish fishing vessel "Tito" was the last to leave her after she piled up on the Goelra Rock, 23 miles from the Atlantic port of Vigo, Spain. The 38 members of the crew were rescued by breeches buoy, after spending 80 hours on the storm-lashed ship. The Dutch vessel "Ganges" first succeeded in getting a line to the stricken "Tito" and, hand over hand, the men inched their way to safety.—*AP Photo*.

"Oulton's Force" Digging In

Akaba, Transjordan, January 23.

British troops, back in this Red Sea port after nearly three years' absence, are settling down in neat rows of tents among the palm trees of the Akaba Oasis, overlooked by steep rugged mountains.

Here at the request of the Transjordan Government, shirt-sleeved men of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment have finished digging in and putting local defences in order.

They are nicknamed "Oulton's Force" after their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Oulton. These soldiers are not new to the Middle East. They are used to the scorching sun and dry weather. Many of them were in Palestine before the British mandate ended.

Bringing life back into this port, the Lincolns are accompanied by several Royal Engineers, who are putting roofs back on to the brick huts and barrack buildings used during the war.

Colonel Oulton has made his command post in a well-camouflaged stone structure half buried in the ground. Before the entrance to this spacious dug-out stands a bamboo mast with the regimental flag fluttering at its top.

The Lincolns have already established a forward contact with their headquarters, the Eighth Infantry Brigade at Fayed, separated from here by steep, winding sandstone tracks which jeep-covers in just over seven hours.

Orders To Fight

The last of the white-painted transport vessels to leave the concrete quay here is understood to be going to Suez, leaving just a tug and a few small craft behind them.

The arrival here of "Oulton's Force" was preceded several weeks which ceased at sunset.—*Reuter*.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TITJALENGKA" from Shanghai & Amoy 1st Feb	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd March
"TJIBADAK" In port	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd February
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	to Swatow, Amoy, Manila 4th Feb
"TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaports 4th Feb	to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TEGELBERG" In port	to South Africa & South America p.m. 25th Jan.

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Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT SOENDA" from South Africa, 12th February	to South Africa & South America, 21st March
"BOISSEVAI" from South America & South Africa, 31st March	to South Africa & South America, 18th April
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa, 5th March	to South Africa & South America, 12th May

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam. Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN RIENSDIJK" from B. Dell & Straits 29th Jan	to Straits & B. Dell, 8th Feb
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	to Swatow, Amoy & Manila 4th February
	to Straits & B. Dell 20th Feb

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam. Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

AGENTS: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"MEERKERE" from Japan, Shanghai 1st Feb	to Europe via Manila & Straits, 2nd Feb
"RIJNKERK" from Europe 6th Feb	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 8th Feb
	to Europe via Manila & Straits, End Feb
"NELISKERK" from Europe Early March	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid March
"MARIEKERK" from Europe Early April	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid April

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

INSATIABLE HOARDING DEMAND FOR GOLD FROM THE FAR EAST

London, January 24.

In their review of 1948, Japhet and Company, the London bullion brokers, say that the outstanding feature of the year was probably the insatiable hoarding demand for gold from Far East and Middle Eastern buyers, almost all purchases having been paid for in United States dollars.

"This Easterly drift, passing through well-known and well-established transshipment centres, has been limited in the main only by the declining purchasing power of ultimate buyers.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Enquiries are coming into the exchange from all quarters, signs of awakening in interest generally.

U.K. GOVT. LOANS:
4½% Loan 10th.
3½% Loan (1934 & 1940) 10th.
3½% Loan (1948) 10th & 100%.

INSURANCES:
H.K. & S. Bank 1850, 1845/60.
Chartered Bank 412-1/16.
Mercantile Bank A. & B. 424.
Bank of East Asia 130.

SHIPPING:
Dunlop 237.
H.K. & M. Steamships 17½.
Indo China 17½.
Indo China (Def.) 200.

Shells (Leaves) 74/15.
Asia Nav. 100.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.:
H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 130, 140.
(New) 130.

North Point Wharves 7½.
Sh. Hongkong Wharves 25.
H.K. Dock 25, 24½, 25.
China Dock 19½.
Shanghai Dockyards 10, 60, 10, 60.
Wharves 50.

MINING:
H.K. Mines 6½.
H.K. Mines 6½.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:
H. & S. Hotels 10½, 10½.
H.K. Lands 50.
Shanghai Lands 3½, 3½, 1/2.
Jumpphy 10, 10.
(New) 10.

H.K. Realities 20.
Chinese Estate 170.
PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 21, 20, 21, 20, 21, 20.

Yank Trans. (Old) 21.
(New) 21.
Star Ferry 130½, 130½.
C. Lights (Old) 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10.
(New) 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10.

Macau Electric 30½, 30, 30½, 30.
Sundakan Lands 10½.
Telephones 25.
Shanghai Gas 9½.

INDUSTRIALS:
Osh. Mex. (Old) 20.
Canton Ice 7.
Cement 40½, 41½, 41½.
H.K. Ropes 20½.

STOCHES:
Dairy Farms (Old) 43½, 43, 44, 44½.
(New) 44, 44½.
Watsons (Old) 69½, 69½.
(New) 69½, 69½.

L. Crawford (Old) 20.
(New) 20.
Sincere 6½.
China Export 100.

Sun Co. Ltd. 40.
Kwong Sang Hong 130, 140.
Wing On (H.K.) 100.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 11.
Miscellaneous 25.

China Entertainment 5½.
H.K. Construction (Old) 5½.
(New) 5½.

Vibros (Old) 20.
(New) 20.
Maraman Investments 9½.
Maraman (H.K.) 100.
Shanghai Loan 3½.

Yankee 40.
COTTONS:
Ewos 50, 50, 50.

RUBBER, ETC. COMPANIES:
Anglo-Java 5½.
Chong Rubber 10.
Consolidated Rubber 2½.
Dominion Rubber 2½.

Kota Bharu 2½.
Peking Rubber 2½.
Rubber Trade 2½.
Samarang Rubber 1½.
Shanghai Rubber 2½.

Tanah Merah 20.
Telom Rubber 20.
Zhang Rubber 5.

Looking still further ahead to a hoped-for future of a political and economically stable world, a large expansion of international trade might result in gold stocks coming into short supply but then again modern techniques would be capable of dealing with this situation without having recourse to an increase in the price of the metal.

Of silver, the review says that London activity in non-exportable bars has decreased materially, sales on most occasions being possible only in the close neighbourhood of the official price, but exportable bars from the sterling area have commanded quite large premiums although these have lately declined, influenced by the lower New York price.

Nobulous Trend
The report attributes the vagaries of the New York market, with fluctuations between 77½ and 70, to a small

"While the bulk of purchases had been on Chinese account, it is not unlikely that large quantities have found their way—perhaps by smuggling—to other Far Eastern or even Eastern countries.

"A large part of the gold which has passed Eastward emanated from Central and South American sources and not necessarily only from current production. Supplies have also become available from stocks belonging to private holders which, to a large extent, had been built up prior to the war.

The report remarks that despite official action against the gold trade, upward pressure against fixed gold prices is proving an embarrassment.

The writer instances the success of Canada and Southern Rhodesia in getting IMP sanction for their mining subsidy formulae.

He recalls that Australia is pressing for something more than mere assistance to the marginal mines and that Brazil, Belgium and France are tending to permit their internal markets to absorb part of their annual gold output, with further extensions promised of Belgian and French schemes to establish domestic free gold markets for their Colonial production.

Future Prices
The future of the two main official gold prices (U.K. and U.S.) has continued to form a popular subject of discussion. Britain and the United States, however, have disclaimed any desire to raise their buying rates and action will not readily be forced upon them against their will.

The disparity between fixed and free gold prices is difficult to ignore or remove, but in the long run the effective demand for gold other than from the United States may well become increasingly restricted.

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$ 311.25 a tole, jumped to \$314.70, dropped six points to \$308.50, and closed at \$312.70.

US dollars opened at HK\$6.15½ and closed at \$5.14½.

Gold Yuan was quoted at 2.7 cents for Hong Kong delivery, 2.2 and 2.3 cents for Canton remittances and 1.9 and 2.1 cents for Shanghai remittances.

Pistoles opened at HK\$8.75 a 100 and closed at 20 cents lower. Tials went up 10 cents to HK\$ 24.20 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$ 32.20 a 100 and closed at \$32.70. Sterling slipped to HK\$15.00. Australian pounds went up a cent to HK\$12.55.

Notice To Consignees
Consignees For S.S. "BENVENUE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown, where it will be at consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 30th, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 20th February, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD., Agents, Ben Line Steamers Ltd. Hong Kong, January 24, 1949.

America To Back Foreign Development?

Washington, January 23. High United States Government officials are prepared to recommend the promotion of industrial development abroad by offering long-term advances to buy vital materials.

They suggest that this measure should be part of the "bold programme" to develop backward areas overseas outlined by President Truman in his inaugural speech on Thursday.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, ERP Administrator, is known to be among those favouring such a plan—Reuter.

"Will industrial and manufacturing requirements be sufficient to absorb production?"

"Will the demonitization policy of certain countries be offset by other countries requiring silver for coinage purposes?"

"And perhaps most important of all, will India open the door and allow once again the free import of silver?"—Reuter.

PI May Outlaw Govt Strikes

Manila, January 24. The Republic may outlaw strikes among Government employees and public utility workers, it was reliably reported today.

The move took form yesterday following a statement by Dr. Raguath Rao, Assistant Director of the International Labour Organisation, that in no country in the world, except probably Japan, were such walkouts tolerated.

Dr. Rao and two other representatives were guests of a Congressional forum on labour conducted specially for members of the Lower House in the office of the Speaker, Senor Eugenio Perez.

Ninety-two of the 97 Congressmen attended the forum, indicating their interest in labour-management problems—Reuter.

LOCAL BEER FOR OKINAWA
The U.S. "Surprise" is leaving Hong Kong today for Okinawa with 10,000 cases of San Miguel Beer for the U.S. Armed Forces.

This is the first large scale shipment said an official of this Company yesterday and it is expected that increased shipments will be made to Okinawa from this day onward.

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"President Pierce" (via Japan)	Feb. 10
"President McKinley" (via Shanghai & Japan)	Feb. 20

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON VIA PANAMA

"President Fillmore" (calls Pacific Coast)	Mar. 10
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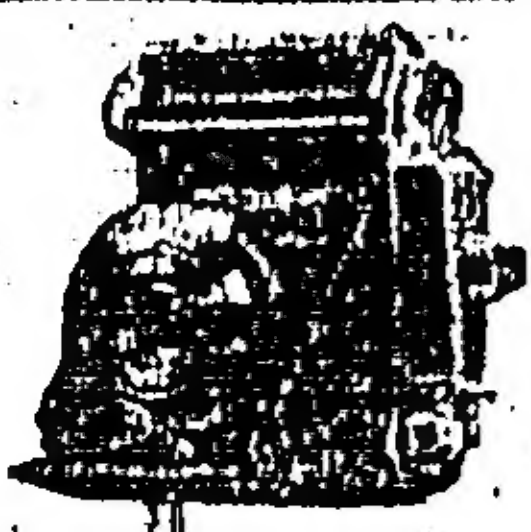
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Three Big Soccer Games To Be Played In April

Semi-Finalists In Golf Championship

During the week the final of the Captain's Cup for 1948 was played off, resulting in a win for N. A. Brown who beat S. S. Gordon in the final by two holes after a great struggle in which Mr. Brown's magnificent putting gave him the victory.

The first two rounds of the Junior Championship were played on Sunday and the following reached the semi-final stages. Messrs. Gordon, Goldman, J.B. Mackie and Suen. Semi-finals will be played off on Sunday, February 6, and the final the following Sunday.

The Stableford competition over the New Course resulted in a tie between H.R. Cleland and W.H. Patterson with 39 points each and G.D. Carter runner up with 30 points.

During the Chinese New Year holidays there will be Bogey and Medal competitions on both courses and on Sunday, January 30 a Four Ball against Bogey in the afternoon.

Two achievements worthy of note happened during Sunday's play. Mr. A. J. de Pinna, holding the 3rd hole on the Old Course in one and Mr. E.W. Groves the 18th 385 yards in two.

The draw of the Men's Four-some Competition is as follows:

First Round to be played by

February 13

J.M. Tan-P.C. Wong v H.W.E. Heath-J.J. de Pinna

Cleland-T.D. Drysdale v J.E. Richardson-R.M. Wood

W.H. Lydall-C.D.N. Walker v A.D. Duffy-N. Oliver

A. Ho-A.R. de Pinna v J.D. Mackie-S.S. Gordon

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E. Broadbridge-S.T. Chau v E. Balthus-B.S. Barry

G.G.D. Carter-D.A.O. Davies v E.W. Groves-J.M. Patterson

W.A. Nicholas-D. Hung v D.S. Robb-L. Goldman

W.N.A. Snayley-J. Linaker v R.G. Buchan-T.A. Pearce

Second Round to be played by

February 27

Bye-A. McKellar-J.L. Macintyre

W.H. Patterson-N.J. Whelton v A.E. Lissaman-W.O. Davies

W.S. Vaughan-J.B. Kite v L.C. Saville-P.B. Arkell

N.A. Brown v H.H. Mundy v W. Hung-C.H.T. Suen

"Scandalous" Administration Of The Law

"The Governor can order a person to be held for 14 days and extend the period by seven days at a time. What right has the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to hold a man in gaol custody for 40 days without charge?" protested Mr. H. W. Hammond before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Counsel addressed the Court when he applied for bail for Wong Chat, arrested on December 7 and since then held in prison. He was interviewed by the SCA only yesterday.

"This is a most scandalous instance of the administration of the law. For a man to be in gaol for 40 days and not to know until the 48th day with what he is charged is most shocking. Bail, in \$2,000 cash, was granted."

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CUP

London, January 23. Paris has taken the first step towards a regular competition between soccer teams from all over Europe by inaugurating the International Cup of Paris, a tournament to be staged this season for teams from the big cities of the Continent.

With this start made, and transportation difficulties solved by air travel, enthusiasts are hoping for the day when the great sides of Europe will compete together in a continent-wide league. Soccer has already made great strides in Europe, and it seems certain that the already great interest in the game will be furthered by such a competition.

The Paris International Cup is the latest of a series of similar competitions. It will be played in a knock-out basis, with the matches in Paris.

London, January 24. International soccer rivalry now gives way to Cup ties in public appeal. April will bring the climax of three big games. They are England versus Scotland, the English Cup Final at Wembley, and the Scottish Cup Final at Glasgow.

All three will attract attendances for surpassing those at the majority of League games in either country. The Wembley crowd limit is nearly 100,000, but if the ground were five times as big it would not hold all the people who want to see the Cup Final.

The demand for international match tickets also far exceeds the supply.

Applications have been received from many parts of the world, and will be disappointed Scottish football followers are more fortunate. Their magnificent stadium at Hampden Park, Glasgow, is the biggest in Britain. The Scottish Cup Final there 11 years ago was seen by 150,000. The attendance is now limited for safety reasons to about 20,000 fewer.

Both the English and Scottish cup competitions retain their grip on the public's imagination. Most of the record crowds on grounds of League clubs have been established by cup ties. In England the lure of "The Cup" is greater than ever. It is the ambition of teams to appear at Wembley and play before King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

For nearly 50 years League clubs have had a monopoly of the trophy. They are the best equipped for the hard uphill struggle of a knock-out competition, but hundreds of other clubs enter for the excitement of having taken part.

The tournament starts as early as September. The ambition of minor teams is to go through the five qualifying rounds in the hope of meeting a League Third Division club who have exemption until the first round.

Cup History

They indulge in the process of knocking each other out until the entry of the big League clubs in January. Then 47 teams are added to the 17 survivors, and the cup contest starts in earnest. It exerts a magnetism never visualized by its founders in 1871. Then a cup was bought for 25; three of the original 15 entrants scratched.

First holders were the Wanderers, a London amateur side. In those early days they became owners of the cup through winning it three times in succession. It was handed back to the Football Association to be fought for annually. This cup was stolen while on show in a Birmingham shop window in 1895, when Aston Villa had won it. The present trophy is the third. The second was presented to Lord Kinnaird in 1911 to mark his 21 years as President of the Football Association Council.

South Zone XI Expose West Indies' Weakness

Madras, January 23. The limitations of the West Indies attack were fully exposed by the South Zone who made a fighting reply in their second innings here today even though they were beaten by an innings and 200 runs by the touring side.

Having been skittled out for 40 in the first innings, they occupied the wicket almost throughout today and compiled 266 for nine, Rangachari being unable to bat owing to illness.

West Indies had declared at their overnight total of 514 for seven, but they were then unable to get it moderate batting side out cheaply a second time.

Gopalan played a real captain's innings, which demonstrated how the West Indies attack can be hit. The seventh wicket stand of Gopalan and Alva put on 84 runs in 46 minutes. Gopalan reeling in six fours, drives and hooks, which flamed the ball to the boundary at lightning speed.

The display featured the day's happenings. With the result a foregone conclusion, the West Indies were not very impressive and were showing signs of stalemate.

McVitt had a particularly bad match, missing four catches, and falling with one particularly odd stumping chance. It was late in the day that the end came, as the West Indies were bowled out for 40.



Mrs. H. Jehangir, benefactress of the Maurice College of Physical Education, presenting a trophy to Mr. Ram Jehangir, one of the successful contestants at Sunday's Weight Lifting and Posing Competition of the College, held to commemorate its 10th "At Home."—"China Mail" Photo.

Tugot Wins Golf Honours In Manila

Manila, January 24. Celestine Tugot, Filipino professional golfer, yesterday won the first post-war Far East Open Golf championship.

Tugot, who is the professional of the Del Monte Club on Mindanao Island, led all the way. He won the US\$1,250 first prize with a 72-hole total of 290—two over par for Manila's Wack Wack Club course.

The managers of the tournament are so pleased with the response to the event, which ended on Sunday, that they are planning much bigger Far East championships next year, possibly with prizes totalling \$50,000.

Tugot staved off a brilliant threat by the Manila professional, Larry Montano, who wound up second just one stroke behind the winner.

It was nip and tuck all the way. The Australian champion, Norman von Nida, finished third with 301 after putting together rounds of 79 and 72 on Sunday. Von Nida blasted his defeat on mediocre hitting throughout the tournament.

"This tournament has convinced me I'm not nearly as fit as I thought," he said.

The professional, Vicente Montano, brother of Larry, finished fourth with 309 and Bill Navaja was fifth with 300.

The only other visiting golfer, Tim Kanral, the Siamese Open champion, finished in 15th place with 317. Kanral scored 70 and 78 for Sunday's rounds—United Press.

Burke Leads In Long Beach Open

Long Beach, California, January 23. Jack Burke Jr., one of professional golf's younger hopefuls, beat veterans today to take the lead in the third round of the US\$10,000 Long Beach Open with a shattering five under par for a 54-hole total of 203.

The 23-year-old Burke nosed out by one stroke Ben Hogan, master from Hershey, Pennsylvania, whose 66 on Saturday gave him the second day lead. Hogan had some putting trouble and had to be satisfied with one under par (70) for a 204 total.

Jimmy Demaret, Houston, Texas, pro, followed with two under par (69) for a 203 total and the Australian Open champion, Jim Ferrier, playing out of San Francisco, took part 71 to come in with 207.

Early morning hail and a rainstorm added to the golfers' difficulties. Rain fell on the Lakewood country course most of the day.

Despite the soggy ground and wet weather, 7,000 fans followed the golfers around today.—United Press.

Scandinavian Tennis Tourney

Stockholm, January 23. The Scandinavian Open in door lawn tennis tournament, for which representatives from eight nations are competing, began today.

Frank Parker (USA) beat Pentti Forman (Finland) 6/2, 6/3, 2/0, 6/1.

Bengt Axelsson (Sweden) beat Henri Rullien (France) 4/0, 7/6, 6/0, 6/1.

Torsten Gehrman (Sweden) beat N.R. Lowrie (Britain) 6/4, 6/2, 4/6, 7/5.

J. Thomas (France) beat Hagen Jonasson (Sweden) 6/4, 7/5, 6/4.

Sture Lofstrom (Sweden) beat V. Brander (Britain) 6/0, 6/2, 6/1.

Bjudee Patz (USA) beat K. Grinaker (Norway) 6/2, 6/2, 6/4.

In ladies' singles, Betty Hilton (Britain) beat Rye Pearson (Sweden) 6/2, 6/3.—Reuter.

Saints Blank Madcaps As Overseas Beat Khalsa

(By "GRANDSTAND") Saints dashed Madcap pennant hopes as they blanked them again this season, this time to the tune of 9-0, while the Wahos avenged a former defeat by the Canuckettes 14-8 despite the fact that the latter fielded several recently acquired talent.

The Overseas improved to the extent of an upset 3-2 nose-out over Khalsa who were without their regular hurler, Abid Ebrahim.

The Americans again failed to turn out and coincided that third successive game, this time to Fred Diesta's Filipinos, while Canadians just shaded a Chung Hwa nine 11-10.

The junior loop skinnies were runaway affairs with the Jaguars blasting the Wildfires 20-4 while the league-leading Braves sent the Black Hawks to the cleaners with 20-1.

Tony Kwok, tooting the rubber for the Overseas Chinese nine, allowed Kinlaw two bingles in the five inning game, while S.K. Khan on the mound for the Indians was nicked for three bingles, but two of them were bunched in the first frame to give the Chinese side a two run lead. The final and winning run was registered in the Chinese half of the fifth with one away.

Scoreless Three Frames Wahos held the Canuckettes scoreless for three frames while they gradually accumulated four runs, but in the fourth a fielding lapse helped by Maple Leaf third-sacker Avarita Choy's two-bagger allowed three. Canuckettes runs to cross the plate.

The glimmer of hope in the Canadian camp was short-lived, however, as the Owls blanked the opposition in the next frame and added a cluster for three runs in their half of the stanza.

In the sixth, Avarita Choy coming up to bat for the third time, socked Theresa Noronha's offering for a homer to start off a Canadian rally. Rosita Nye next at bat blasted one through the box that sprained hurler Terry Noronha's pitching hand and she relinquished the assignment in favour of Teresa "Choochi" Baptista who fanned the next batter and got the other two on a pop fly and a weak roller.

Terry Noronha specked the apple for two in five while Hilda Soares connected twice in four which included a two-bagger. Owl catcher Patsy "TNT" Ribeiro popped out a triple which she could have stretched into a homer.

Mercurious Attack In the minor circuit, the Jaguars unleashed a mercurious slugging attack on the hapless Wildfires to register a track meet score of 20-5. The muscussers, very fashioned around 21 base-hits which included Gerry Langenberg's clouting feat of two homers in a row followed by a triple in his next turn with the hickory.

The last blow would have gone for four bases, but Langenberg was nailed at the plate in an attempt to stretch the tally.

Tony Silva, guarding the windy-aries for the Jaguars, also deserves mention with four safeties in his six trips which included a brace of two-baggers.

Judging by the way the Jaguars went about their business, they would have been a formidable force.

Week-End Scores At A Glance

SENIOR LEAGUE			
Madcaps	0	Saints	9
Chung Hwa	10	Canadians	11
Overseas	3	Khalsa	2
Filipinos	7	Americans	0
(Game forfeited by Americans)			
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Jaguars	20	Wildfires	4
Braves	20	Blackhawks	1
Rexes	7	Mohawks	0
(Game forfeited by Mohawks)			
LADIES' LEAGUE			
Wahos	14	Canadians	8

Leeds Pay £8,000 For Irish Centre Forward

London, January 21. Leeds United have spent about half of the money they received recently from Leicester City for Ken Chisholm on Eddie McMorran, the Irish international centre forward.

They paid Manchester City about £8,000 for this strong, hard-shooting player.

McMorran's signing is another example of Leeds' penchant for Irishmen. At the start of the season, four were in the side, all of whom were or subsequently became internationals.

They were Tommy, in goal, Con Martin, at half or full back, McCabe, at wing half, and Cochrane, on the right wing. Since then, Martin has left for Aston Villa. Now McMorran has arrived and brought the Irish colours back to normal.

McMorran, signed from Belfast Celtic in July, 1947, never really settled down with Manchester City, but he is the type of centre forward likely to do well in the Leeds side, which has shown plenty of skill without being able to find anyone capable of getting the goals.

The greatly inflated value of the transfer market is largely responsible for the feeling of uncertainty inside soccer.

Often a big sum laid out on a player is compensated by income tax for a man allowed to go.

During part of last season Newcastle United, the club most frequently in the transfer news, spent £41,500 on four big signings, Lawrie, Laughton, Fairbrother and McCall.

In the same period, they received £47,000 through the sale of pictures of Shackleton, Bentley, Wayman and Pearson. As Newcastle, in the same season, achieved their ambition of promotion to League I, and played before home grounds averaging some 80,000, their directors have been well satisfied.

A club concerned with avoiding relegation may have losses through buying players. Obviously they can ill afford to allow others to leave and they must hope to regain some of their outlay through improved displays and attendances and a possible good run in the Cup.

Fails To Report Accident

George Kao, aged 33, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for failing to report after an accident.

Inspector Senior prosecuted and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon was for the defence.

Mr. Hon then went on to say 12, his client was driving his car along Caroline Hill Road and knocked down a Chinese couple.

After the accident, his client obtained an ambulance and took both the injured persons to the Queen Mary Hospital. The man suffered a leg injury and was detained. His wife was allowed to go home after medical treatment.

Next morning they made a report. "The report was made 10 hours later," continued Mr. Hon, "and I will leave it entirely in your hands your worship, to decide whether it was reasonable or not for your client to make a report after that period."

Inspector Senior argued that in any traffic accidents a report should be made to the nearest police station as soon as possible and a delay of 10 hours is certainly not reasonable.

He said the charge of failing to report was a minor one, when two persons have been injured and one detained in hospital. However, he said that he must hear the evidence and adjourned the case to January 27.

Swiss Couple's Wedding

The wedding of Miss Ruth Coradi, daughter of Mr. Richard Coradi of Zurich, Switzerland, and the Reverend Mr. Hans Schaefer, son of Mr. Johann Schaefer of Bern, Switzerland, took place at the Basel Mission Home on Saturday.

The marriage ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Mr. John Bechler, pastor of the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

The bride was given away by Mr. Paul N. Schlegel, local representative of the Basel Mission, the bridegroom was Mr. Stella Bly, of the United Lutheran Mission.

The wedding was held at the Basel Mission Home.

Among the guests at a reception held in the evening at the Basel Mission Home were the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Dezhong Fajli, of the Basel Mission Theological Seminary at Meishan; Miss Catherine Martin, of the Home Missions Society, of the Blind Home, Pokfulam; Mrs. Bly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Findlay, the Reverend and Mrs. J. Jansson, the Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Olson, the Reverend World Federation, Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Eider.

The Reverend Mr. Schaefer and his bride are missionaries of the Basel Mission. They will leave for Meishan later in the month.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Two chickens and a duck, hanging down from the handle-bar of a bicycle, resulted in Teang Chu, 17-year-old fook making a forced visit to the Mong Kok Police Station on Saturday afternoon, and to his losing \$85 when he was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday.

According to Sub-Inspector J. H. Jones, Teang was riding his bicycle along Shanghai Street with the chickens and the duck hanging from the handle-bar, when he was stopped by Police constable 1195 who pointed out that the duck's legs were badly injured through coming into contact with the spokes of the front wheel.

Defendant was brought to the police station and charged with cruelty to animals.

ART EXHIBIT TO BE HELD

An exhibition of about 40 pieces of Chinese paintings, and calligraphy will be held at the Hotel Cecil on January 25 and 26.

They are the selected works of Mr. Lim Teing-ai, a noted Chinese artist whose paintings and calligraphy have been exhibited both in China abroad for the last 20 years.

Art lovers will have an opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with some of the fine pieces which Mr. Lim exhibited before the war.

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